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Prince Charles enjoys a joke with HH the Amir (above) while HH the Crown Prince (below) is seen in a jovial mood during a meeting with Princess Diana. (Reuters wirephotos)



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## Muslims urged to show tolerance

Afghan mujahedeen seek OIC seat

RIYADH, March 13, (Agencies): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia called on Muslims to be tolerant today at the opening of an Islamic conference which Iran demands to be used as a forum to condemn British author Salman Rushdie and his novel *The*

Satanic Verses. Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries have criticised Rushdie and banned his novel, saying it blasphemes Islam. But they have refused to support Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini's death edict against the British writer.

Fahd, addressing the four-day, 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting of foreign ministers, did not refer to Iran or the growing international dispute over the novel.

Analysts said Saudi Arabia and Egypt would block any Iranian attempt to make political gains from dispute that has led to a break in diplomatic relations between Iran and Britain and strained ties with other Western nations because of Iran's call for the author's death.

Unit

Fahd called on member states to work toward "Islamic unity under the banner of our tolerant Muslim traditions."

The meeting was held at the Conference Palace, which was cordoned off by Saudi guards armed with machine-guns.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal downplayed an Iranian assertion that the dispute over Rushdie's book should stand high on the agenda.

He noted that debate on the Palestinian issue and recognising the Afghan mujahedeen (holy warriors) provisional government took precedence.

Referring to Iran's stance against the book, Prince Saud cautioned in a speech against "this rabid invasion aimed at undermining the Islamic faith and personality."

Tehran Radio said the meeting began that "no major progress is expected because of the tendencies of some members."

Delegates said a majority of OIC ministers would resist any call for Rushdie's killing, although they would support a resolution criticising his book.

The Prince said the Afghan rebel government could unite the country and he urged Moscow to help heal the wounds of 10 years of civil war.

"Your mujahedeen brothers look forward to all of you recognising their government which will be able, God willing, to join together all Afghans, restore the country's stability, assure its development and preserve its status as a non-aligned state and its firm Islamic character," Prince Saud said.

Most Islamic states wanted to focus on conflicts in Afghanistan and the Middle East, delegates said.

The chief Iranian delegate is Mohammad Ali Tashkiri, deputy chief of Tehran's Islamic Propagation Organisation. He said that there could be no compromise on Khomeini's order that Muslims should seek out and kill Rushdie because it was mandated by Islamic law.

In Bonn, West Germany, Egyptian President Mubarak said today, "We in the Arab world do not support the Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's decision to kill Salman Rushdie."

"We do not support the threat of killing a citizen of another country as this is an inhuman behaviour in dealing with these errors," he said in remarks

their just struggle. Saud pointed out that Riyadh was the first country to recognise the government.

About the Iraq-Iran conflict, he said talks between those two countries were of great importance to pave the way for finding a permanent solution to the Gulf conflict in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution 598.

The prince noted that the positive atmosphere prevailing following the ceasefire in the Gulf war will have a positive impact on the OIC meeting.

Saud praised the Palestinian uprising in the occupied areas to end Israeli repression.

Meanwhile, Saudi dailies today highlighted the importance of the OIC meeting in the light of the current international developments and expressed confidence that the conference would come up with effective and practical steps to solve Islamic issues.

## Five MEW officials dismissed

By Hussain Salameh

FIVE officials of the Ministry of Electricity and Water have been sacked for negligence in duty, well-informed sources told the Arab Times yesterday.

The five were found responsible for the power blackout which occurred last Dec 13. The officials include two assistant undersecretaries and three engineers.

The two assistant undersecretaries are: Sadeq Bouhamad and Saud Al Derbas.

Two of the engineers are Egyptians, who had been working at the Al Zour power station.

The other engineer, an Indian, worked at the Eastern Doha power station.

They were sacked after a report was submitted by the committee formed by the MEW to investigate the causes of the blackout, which covered all parts of the country.

The investigation committee report was submitted to the Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Al Rqobah. It determined that the three engineers were responsible for the technical error that resulted in the blackout.

It was also learned that the five officials have already responded to the order and ceased reporting to work at the ministry. Derbas had been transferred from his post to the office of the minister in the capacity of advisor, but he has since submitted his resignation.

The total blackout resulted when one of the eight new units at the Al Zour power station was being tested.

## Charles, Diana meet Amir

### A very busy day

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

HH the Amir yesterday received Prince Charles and Princess Diana at the Bayan Palace on the second day of their visit to Kuwait.

The royal couple also called on HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The Amir hosted a luncheon for Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The Prince and Princess of Wales also attended a dinner banquet hosted by Sheikh Saad and Sheikh Latifa at the Shaab Palace.

Prince Charles, addressing a British Invisible Exports Seminar at the Central Bank, censured British companies for their inability to forge closer ties with their trading partners.

Later, Charles met some top Kuwaitis, who were educated in UK, at the Higher Education in Britain Exhibition, held by the British Council, at the Kuwait International Hotel. During his talks with the Kuwaitis, he expressed concern over growing environmental pollution and criticised the Western media for blowing things out of proportion.

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## Aquino considering amnesty for rebels

'Sino-Filipino ties may be affected'

MANILA, March 13, (Agencies): President Corazon Aquino said today she is considering an amnesty offer for leftist and rightist rebels, while the military announced at least 77 people were killed last week in the country's communist insurgency.

"We have been discussing that and I will be signing an executive order which will outline what (rebels) can do," Aquino told reporters when asked about news reports the government was considering granting amnesty to communist guerrillas and renegade soldiers.

"It has come to our attention that some (rebels) would like to take advantage of this," Aquino said. "But of course this needs the concurrence of congress."

Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, said there has been no discussion so far on an amnesty proposal.

It's not clear yet whether there is any policy along this line.

My impression, up to this point, is that the President is not sympathetic to giving amnesty to military rebels," said Maceda.

Maceda, an outspoken member of the ruling coalition, said he agreed in principle with the amnesty proposal, especially to military rebels headed by dismissed Army Lieut Col Gregorio Honasan.

Meanwhile a Chinese diplomat warned today of "adverse effects" in relations between China and the Philippines if the legislature passes a bill aimed at encouraging and protecting Taiwanese investments.

Liu Xingsheng, first secretary of the Chinese embassy, said at one point that such a move would lead to a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries. But he later visited news media offices to say he misunderstood a question at a news conference.

Liu also warned that establishment of an office in Taipei of the Philippine Board of Investments would endanger relations with Beijing.

A subcommittee of the House of Representatives recently

## Benazir suffers setback in Punjab

ISLAMABAD, March 13, (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto suffered a setback today when Punjab lawmakers defeated her bid to oust two key opponents in the Punjab province.

The Punjab provincial assembly today gave a vote of confidence to Chief Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif and the Speaker Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo by comfortable margin.

They received 152 votes each in a house of 260.

Benazir supporters walked out of the assembly protesting the vote of confidence.

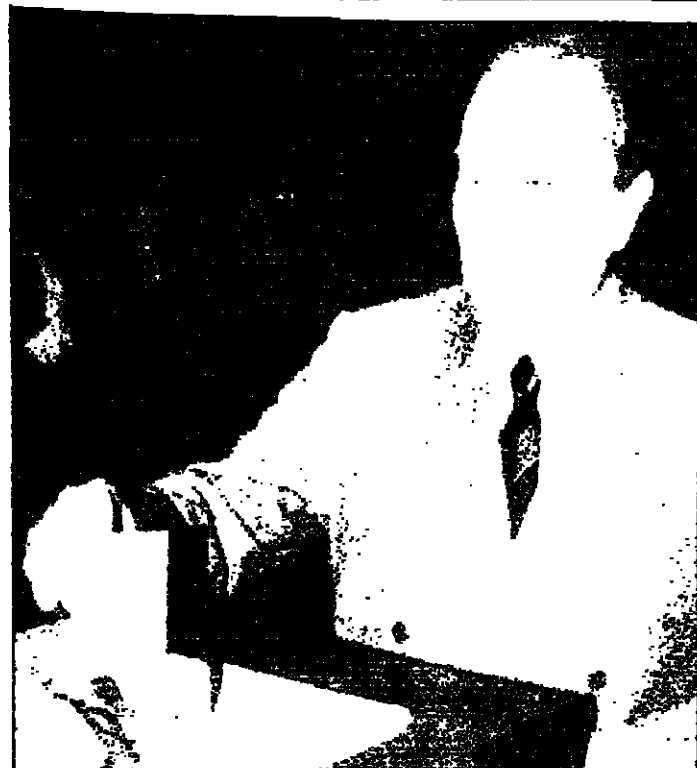
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French President Mitterrand casts his ballot during the first round of municipal election in Chinon, France (Reuter wirephoto)



Hans Schmidt (left) and Ursula Gerhold on the National Democratic Party appear relaxed after hearing about the party's success in today's Hesse state municipal elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

Polls in West Germany, France

## No alliance with right-wing: Kohl

BONN, March 13. (Agencies): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl today described as "serious" his party's recent electoral losses but expressed confidence the Christian Democratic Union would nevertheless win national elections in late 1990.

He also said that despite its losses in communal elections in the state of Hesse, yesterday and in West Berlin, on Jan 29, the CDU would not seek an alliance with ultra right-wing parties, which made strong gains.

In France, mainstream conservative parties also refused to team up with the far right National Front today after failing to unseat the Socialist government in local elections.

CDU leaders today held a special meeting to discuss the party's poor results in Hesse and discuss future policy, which, Kohl said would remain "conservative."

"The results, together with the results in Berlin represent for us

in the Christian Democratic Union a serious situation," Kohl said.

Official results issued today show the CDU's percentage of the vote fell from 38.6 to 33.3 in the entire state of Hesse, while in the key financial city of Frankfurt its percentage dropped from 49.6 per cent to 36.6 per cent.

Like Berlin, Frankfurt now seems likely to be governed by a "red-green" coalition between Social Democrats, who took 40.1 per cent of the vote and the left-wing, anti-NATO Greens Party, with 10.1 per cent.

Spokesmen for the centre-right French opposition ruled out any tactical deal with the declining anti-immigrant front in the second and final round of voting on March 19.

Still incomplete results from yesterday's first round in 36,000 communes (municipalities) showed there was no swing against left-wing candidates despite a wave of social unrest.

## Greece accuses US of holding runaway banker

ATHENS, March 13. (Reuter): Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu has launched a new attack on the United States, accusing Washington of holding "hostage" a fugitive banker at the centre of a scandal crippling his socialist government.

It was the third time in the past week that Papandreu has alleged that the Americans are behind the scandal surrounding runaway Greek-American banker George Koskotas.

"I would call him a hostage in the United States," the prime minister said of Koskotas yesterday in a statement in English on the private US satellite channel Cable News network.

"Koskotas must be extradited to Greece. We ask the United States to move immediately to release him to Greek justice," he said.

Koskotas fled from Greece in November after being charged with embezzling more than \$200 million from the private bank of Crete, which he then owned.

In interviews from his US prison cell last week with the US weekly news magazine Time, Koskotas alleged the Papandreu government approved a plan to embezzle millions of dollars from state companies and make payoffs to senior Greek officials.

The main opposition New Democracy Party called for a vote of no confidence in the Socialist government over the allegations. Debate has begun and a vote is due late today.

Papandreu swept to power in 1981 and was re-elected in 1985, capitalizing on widespread anti-American sentiment and promising to close US military bases.

His popularity has plunged since October when a series of scandals emerged in the arms and banking industries. He has also been hurt by a public extramarital affair and questions about his health since heart surgery in September.

The prime minister, who faces national elections on June 18 if he survives the no confidence motion, opened his assault on Washington over Koskotas last Wednesday.

"The mask has fallen. Now we can see clearly what forces are behind this effort to destroy the country," he said in reference to the United States after the time story appeared.

He is suing Time for defamation. When the debate on the no confidence motion began on Saturday, he warned Washington that failure to hand over the runaway banker would lead to unspecified "consequences."

## Chun may testify to end political deadlock

SEOUL, March 13. (Reuter): Former South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan is finally willing to testify before national assembly panels probing abuse of power during his eight-year rule, state radio said today.

The Korea Broadcasting System (KBS) quoted an unidentified senior ruling party official as saying Chun, in internal exile at a remote Buddhist temple, had conveyed the message through a close aide.

"I understand he (Chun) expressed willingness to testify in the belief his testimony could help break the political deadlock," the radio quoted the official as saying.

A ruling party spokesman declined to comment on the report.

Chun has repeatedly snubbed summonses to appear at assembly hearings despite opposition threats to charge him with "contempt of parliament," an offence carrying a maximum penalty of five years in jail.

At least three assembly panels are investigating various allegations of corruption and abuse of power during Chun's rule, including his role in the Army's suppression of a 1980 civilian uprising in the southwestern city of Kwangju.

Opposition members have accused Chun, then the Army strongman, of provoking the Kwangju revolt to justify his taking over the presidency.

They say Chun must testify to establish the truth about the incident, in which at least 200 people were killed.

The radio said Chun wanted panel members to submit questions to him in advance of his appearance.

The reported move came as rival political parties were manoeuvring for positions before a promised referendum on President Roh Tae-Woo's record in office, expected to be held next month.

## Malawi floods

BLANTYRE, March 13. (Reuter): Flooding in southern Malawi has left 40,000 people homeless, damaged rail and road links and destroyed crops and livestock, officials said today.

## China seeks talks with Dalai Lama

'Martial law to be lifted soon'

BEIJING, March 13. (Reuter): China made a conciliatory offer to Tibet today, one week after crushing anti-Chinese protests there, saying it would welcome talks with the exiled Buddhist spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

In the regional capital, Lhasa, residents contacted by telephone said they had been told by officials that martial law, imposed last Tuesday night, could be lifted soon.

"Nothing has been announced but we have learned that martial law could end after a few days," one resident said.

Troops were still patrolling the streets and manning roadblocks. Arrests were being made at night but the city was quiet and shops were reopening, Tibetans said.

China says 16 people were killed last week in three days of pro-independence demonstrations and anti-Chinese rioting but Tibetans say police, shooting at random, killed many more.

A spokesman for the Tibetan regional government in Beijing said it had not been decided when martial law would be lifted.

He confirmed a report in the official Peking Review today that China still wanted to hold talks with the Dalai Lama, 53, who fled to India in 1959 after an abortive uprising in the Himalayan region against Chinese rule.

"If the Dalai Lama is willing to hold talks, we welcome it," he said. "As long as he is sincere," he added.



American tourist Steven Marshall displays bullets given to him by a Tibetan who claimed they had killed his son during unrest in Lhasa last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

The Dalai Lama — who has never returned to China and is revered as a god-like figure in Tibet — is seen by Western observers as the key figure to making peace in the region.

The Peking Review said China was willing and ready to talk to the Dalai Lama but stood by its position that independence for Tibet could not be discussed and that members of the Tibetan government-in-exile be excluded from the talks.

China says it has ruled Tibet since the 13th century and that independence will never be given to the region's two million people.

"However, as many observers see it, there is still a gap to cover

between the Dalai Lama and the central government before the negotiations, which are sure to take place someday, can begin," the weekly magazine cautioned.

The Dalai Lama urged world leaders last week to end what he called Chinese repression in Tibet and asked Beijing to hold talks on the region's future.

In Hong Kong, six Western tourists expelled from Tibet last week told a news conference they had seen harsh police action against demonstrators in Lhasa.

"On the first day I saw a dozen troops grab a Tibetan man ... they pulled him into the street and 12 of them nearly beat the man to death," said Steven Marshall of New Orleans.

## Fog causes delay

### Shuttle blasts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 13. (AP): The shuttle Discovery and its five astronauts blasted into space today, ready to deliver a \$100-million satellite to orbit.

NASA had delayed the scheduled launch for two hours because of heavy fog and strong high-altitude winds.

The 113-ton winged spaceship, also carrying four crippled white rats and 32 chicken eggs among its scientific experiments, vaulted off its seaside launch pad at 9:57 am (1457 GMT). Liftoff came after the sun burned off heavy fog and high-altitude winds subsided.

The flight, postponed for nearly a month by mechanical faults, is the third since the Jan 28, 1986, Challenger disaster more than three years ago and starts the US space agency NASA on an ambitious schedule calling for seven shuttle launches in 1989.

A 700-foot (213-metre) geyser of flame trailed the \$1.5-billion craft as it rolled onto its desired course and sped toward orbit.

More than 45,000 people jammed viewing areas along nearby beaches, roads and river banks to watch the blazing departure of the 28th space shuttle flight.

Two minutes and six seconds after liftoff, the flight passed a critical milestone when the two solid fuel booster rockets burned out and jettisoned on schedule. The failure of a booster rocket joint led to the destruction of Challenger and its seven-person crew.

Commander Michael L. Coats and his crew were awakened at 3:16 am (0816 GMT) for a breakfast of steak and eggs. Flying with Coats, a 43-year-old Navy captain, are Air Force Col. John E. Blaha, 46, the pilot; Marine Col. James F. Buchli, 43, and Robert C. Springer, 46, and Dr James M. Bagian, 36, a physician.

## McFarlane encouraged North's Contra role

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP): Former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane says he told Oliver North to "do everything you can" to keep the Nicaraguan Contras intact during a congressional ban on aid to the guerrillas.

McFarlane said he gave that instruction to North because then-President Reagan had directed that the Contras be maintained as a fighting force despite the aid ban.

North interpreted the policy to mean "many, many things, including weapons," and "I am responsible" for that, McFarlane testified in North's Iran-Contra cover-up trial.

Carrying out Reagan's policy, McFarlane said he told North and another then-national security council aide, Donald Fortier, "to do everything you can to keep" the Contras functioning.

McFarlane, whose testimony was to continue today, is at the centre of four charges alleging that North lied to Congress.

It was McFarlane who signed two letters allegedly prepared by North in 1983 and sent to House Committees, denying that the National Security Council staff solicited money or other support for the Contras and denying that they offered the Contras advice.

## Move to deter exodus from Vietnam

BANGKOK, March 13. (AP): The Association of Southeast Asian Nations has announced that Vietnamese refugees arriving in their countries after tomorrow will no longer automatically qualify for resettlement in the West.

"In order to deter a mass exodus from Vietnam ... the ASEAN member countries are agreed on the necessity of estab-

lishing a cut-off date whereby asylum seekers from Vietnam would no longer be automatically eligible for resettlement," said a joint ASEAN statement today.

The statement said the "cut-off date will be March 14, 1989, and will be applied (ASEAN) region-wide." Diplomats said the new policy applies only to Vietnamese refugees.

## Kosovo miners defy return to work order

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 13. (AP): Ethnic Albanian miners in Kosovo continued a strike today, defying a ban on all work stoppages in the restive Yugoslav province, the state Tanjug news agency reported.

Tanjung said the majority of more than 2,000 Albanian employees at three key Kosovo mines, the Kiscica and Stari TRG lead-zinc mines, and the Golea magnesite mine, had not shown up for work this morning.

Local authorities yesterday served "compulsory work orders" on the miners in an effort to force them to end the politically motivated strike, which began on Feb 21 at the Stari TRG mine with an eight-day sit-in by some 1,300 miners.

They were later joined by about 400 Golea miners and an undetermined number of workers at the Kiscica mine.

The compulsory work orders are issued in Yugoslavia "in wartime and in cases of an imminent danger of war (or) exceptionally in peacetime in cases of emergency situations," the Belgrade Politika daily said today.

It said that failure to abide by the orders could result in criminal charges being filed against the miners.

## Student's death remembered

RANGOON, March 13. (Reuter): Burmese today held memorial ceremonies for the student whose death a year ago sparked a nation-wide uprising against one-party rule in which thousands more people were killed.

Troops and police patrolled the streets of Rangoon as Buddhist ceremonies for Maung Phone Maw were held at opposition party offices and college campuses.

Burma's military rulers last week threatened "official reprisals" against dissidents it accused of planning street protests to mark the anniversary.

The opposition National League for Democracy (NLD) declared March 13 Human Rights Day in Burma while student leaders called for the release of all political prisoners.

## Cariglia re-elected

RIMINI, Italy, March 13. (AP): Antonio Cariglia has been re-elected secretary of the Social Democrats, the party announced today.

## US refutes Iranian allegation

### San Diego bomb was 'homemade'

SAN DIEGO, March 13. (AP): The bomb that blew up in a van driven by the wife of a Navy captain who mistakenly ordered the destruction of an Iranian airliner was a non-military device, possibly homemade, investigators said yesterday.

The bomb was "an improvised exploding device that would suggest it was not some kind of a manufactured, military bomb," Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman Gene Richi said.

"A pipe bomb would fit into that generic family," he said, adding that it may have been homemade.

The bomb set fire to a van being driven on Friday by Sharon Rogers, whose husband, Capt. Will Rogers III, commander of the USS Vincennes in the Gulf, gave the go-ahead last July to shoot down an aircraft mistakenly believed to be an Iranian fighter. The plane, identified only from its radar blip, was actually a civilian airliner, and all 290 people on board were killed.

Mrs Rogers was not hurt. Richi refused to disclose more of what the FBI's investigation had found and also declined to comment on an Iranian newspaper editorial that blamed the FBI for the bombing, saying it was engineered to provoke anti-Iranian sentiment in the United States.

"We have no response to that at all," he said.

The English-language newspaper Kayhan International linked the alleged US plot to Western anger at Ayatollah Khomeini's order that British

novelist Salman Rushdie be killed for his new novel, "The Satanic Verses."

FBI spokeswoman Kathy Kennedy in Washington denied the allegation and added, "we have never made any linkage to Iran since this incident happened."

Government sources said the possibility of terrorism was being investigated. Officials confirmed the Rogers family received threatening calls about the missile strike on the airliner.

Meanwhile in Orange, California a device that appeared to be a pipe bomb was planted behind an Iranian restaurant yesterday forcing authorities to evacuate the area before explosives experts determined it was a fake, police said.

No arrests were made in the case, authorities said. Police Sgt. Tim Brown speculated that it may have been in response to Friday's bombing of the van.

"There were no threats and no prior problems of any kind, but with all the media attention from the San Diego bombing a lot of people might have been upset," Brown said.

The replica pipe bomb was discovered by a teen-age employee of a neighbouring business behind the Dehkhadeh restaurant about 11 am (1900 GMT), the sergeant said. He said the phony device was fitted with a wire inside, likely to make it appear realistic when X-rayed.

About five nearby homes and the occupants of about 10 businesses were evacuated for several hours.

## Muslims urged to show...

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carried by Egypt's state-run Middle East News Agency.

"The problem of Salman Rushdie, author of The Satanic Verses book should be resolved via diplomatic means," said Mubarak, who is on a state visit to West Germany.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, foreign minister in an Afghan rebel government formed after last month's Soviet withdrawal, said he was hopeful OIC states would either support the mujahedeen claim to an OIC seat, or at least oppose it.

"We are hopeful many countries will recognise the mujahedeen government. The first, important thing is recognition of the government. The OIC seat will then naturally fall to it," he said.

Bahrain today joined Saudi Arabia and Sudan in recognising the rebel government but delegates said several OIC states with diplomatic ties with Kabul would find it difficult to follow

suit.

Hekmatyar said there was no question of granting the OIC seat to the Soviet-backed government in Kabul despite the fact that Soviet troops had left.

"If they have not been able to get the seat over the last 10 years how can they get it now when the government is near collapse?" Hekmatyar asked.

SPA said the ministers will also discuss the situation in the Horn of Africa. The OIC's Islamic news agency said papers will be presented proposing formation of an international Islamic Court, providing aid for Chad and backing national unity in Sudan.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed, who is the head of the Arab League committee on Lebanon, today hoped that a recent buildup of tension in Lebanon will soon subside, which will allow the committee to resume its efforts to mediate peace in Lebanon. (See Page 4).

## Aquino considering amnesty

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approved a bill aimed at protecting and encouraging Taiwanese investment, which accounts for nearly 23 per cent of all foreign investment in the Philippines.

A military report said government troops supported by helicopter gunships overran a communist rebel camp on Mindoro island just south of Manila on Friday, killing 30 guerrillas.

The military said the raid was launched after authorities were informed some 200 guerrillas were training in the forested camp in the municipality of Roxas to launch attacks to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the rebel army on March 29.

In the town of Lupon in Davao Oriental province, Army troops backed by helicopters killed 15 guerrillas in a two-hour gunbattle on Thursday.

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# Bodies of Ontario crash victims found

DRYDEN, Ontario, March 13. (AP) Police last night recovered the last bodies from the crash site of an Air Ontario jet. Investigators said the plane's voice and flight recorders were destroyed, making it harder to find the cause of the crash that killed 24 people.

The chief investigator of the Canadian Aviation Safety Board, Joe Jackson, would not rule out the possibility that snow and sleet on the wings of the Fokker F-28 contributed to Friday's crash.

Sixty-nine people were on board the Dutch-built jet when it took off from Dryden for Winnipeg, Manitoba, and crashed a half mile (0.8 kilometres) away from the runway.

"All of the bodies that were in the burned-out fuselage have been removed," said Ontario provincial police constable Bill Brayshaw.

Twelve more bodies were recovered yesterday, bringing the total of bodies recovered to 22. Two of the 47 survivors died in hospitals.

Police attributed the slow process of recovering the bodies to the thigh-deep snow and rough terrain at the site.

A temporary morgue was set up at the hockey arena in this paper-mill town of 6,500 people 200 miles (322 kilometres) northwest of Duluth, Minnesota, on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Plans were made to send the burned bodies to Toronto today for identification.

Investigators said yesterday that the plane's two black boxes melted in the fire that followed the crash. Jackson said the boxes were at the tail end of the plane, away from the main fire, and he did not know why they

were so badly damaged. As local churches in Dryden held memorial services for the victims, Air Ontario denied allegations by some survivors that the twin-engine jet crashed because it was overloaded or had too much snow or ice on the wings.

Paul McKnight, vice-president of the regional commuter airline based in London, Ontario, told reporters the plane was not overloaded and the pilot was experienced in flying in bad weather.

But Jackson did not rule out the possibility that the wings had too much slush or snow.

Air Ontario said it would not release a passenger list until all the fatalities were identified.

The last fatal crash in Canada of a regularly scheduled commercial flight was in 1979, when a Quebecair Fairchild 27 went down in Quebec City, killing 17 people.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Girl falls to death

GRAND CANYON, Arizona, March 13. (UPI) A Japanese tourist fell to her death at the Grand Canyon National Park, a park official said.

Chuck Lundy, a management assistant, said the 18-year-old victim fell and rolled more than 300 feet leaving a railed-in area at the second trail viewpoint on the west rim drive.

Lundy said the teenager climbed a short distance down from the rim to pose for a picture. As the friend took the picture, the victim lost her footing, rolled a short distance and then tumbled over a 300-foot high cliff.

### Thai buses collide

BANGKOK, March 13. (AP) A bus taking people from a wedding party collided with a larger bus near Bangkok, killing 15 people and injuring 30, a police officer said today.

The larger bus crossed the centre line and tore off the right side of the wedding party's mini-bus, said Capt. Kiat Changyoo. The accident occurred Sunday in Bangkok's district of Nonthaburi province, some 10 kilometres north of Bangkok.

### Washington meeting

TEGUCIGALPA, March 13. (Reuters) Honduran officials and Nicaraguan rebel leaders will hold unprecedented talks in Washington today to discuss ending the Contra rebel Army. Foreign Ministry spokesman Eugenio Castro said.

The meeting, the first publicly announced talks between the two sides, is to review an accord by Central American presidents last month under which a detailed plan for the evacuation of Contras from camps in Honduras in return for democratic reforms inside Nicaragua.

### Helicopter crashes

TUCSON, March 13. (Reuters) A military helicopter crashed in the desert near Tucson last night, killing 12 people on board, Air Force officials said.

Three other people on the flight were missing, the officials said.

The CH-3 helicopter, attached to the Davis-Monthan Air Force base near Tucson, was on a night training mission when it crashed in an uninhabited area 25 miles northwest of Tucson, a base spokesman said.

### Quake hits Mexico

GOLDEN, Colorado, March 13. (AP) A strong earthquake struck near Acapulco, Mexico, authorities said today.

The quake centred 50 miles (80 kilometres) northeast of the Mexican resort, said Russ Needham, a geophysicist at the US Geological Survey's national earthquake information centre.

### Illegal immigrants

LOS ANGELES, March 13. (UPI) US authorities, continuing their efforts to quash the smuggling of illegal immigrants across the country on commercial airlines, arrested 37 more foreigners at southern California airports, agents said today.

## Dukakis' popularity waning

BOSTON, March 13. (UPI) Massachusetts voters have soured on the performance of Gov. Michael Dukakis, dropping the public approval rating of the former Democratic presidential nominee below 20 percent, according to a poll published today.

The Boston Globe revealed Dukakis' favour throughout his state has declined dramatically since the New Hampshire presidential primary merely a year ago, when his performance rating by voters was an overwhelming 79 percent.

Political analysts told the newspaper the drop could be attributed to voter disappointment with his failed White House bid and to a state fiscal crisis that has forced the third-term governor to propose massive budget cuts, layoffs and new taxes.

The poll of 600 registered voters, conducted for the Globe and WBZ-TV by KRC Communications, found 19 per cent gave Dukakis a positive rating while 49 per cent rated him negatively. Twenty-nine per cent viewed him as average.

The poll's margin for error was plus or minus four per cent.

Gerry Chervinsky, the polling firm president, said "lack of candour" about the need for new taxes was a major factor in the ratings shift because "people are angry over the way the administration handled informing the public."

## US prepares fish list for market

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP) The US government has just published a booklet establishing that one man's flounder is another man's eyed platefish.

"The fish list: FDA guide to acceptable market names for food fish sold in interstate commerce" is a compilation of the market names that the government accepts for imported and domestically available fish sold for human consumption.

The booklet was published jointly by the US Food and Drug Administration and the Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service, chiefly to help the industry comply with the law that requires that a species of fish be marketed under a consistent, national name no matter what the locals might call it.

Take rockfish. "People in the mid-Atlantic area call striped bass rockfish," said Mary Snyder, assistant to the director of the division of regulatory guidance at the FDA, one of the compilers of "the fish list."

"To the rest of the country the rockfish is a completely different fish," she said. "It is related to ocean perch, which is a rough looking fish — squatty and with rough scales and spiny fins. What we have in the Washington area call a rockfish is cigar-shaped, has stripes and is very different."



Eddie Murphy Actress Cher  
People's Choice Awards

## Cosby, Cher top

BURBANK, California, March 13. (UPI) Bill Cosby and Cher were named America's favourite all-around stars, and Roseanne Barr and her TV husband, John Goodman, were picked favourite performers in a new television series at the 15th annual People's Choice Awards last night.

The winners, selected through a nationwide Gallup poll of more than 5,000 people, were announced at ceremonies hosted by Michael Landon and Michele Lee and televised nationally on CBS Television.

Roseanne, starring Barr as a round, acid-tongued housewife, was named favourite new television comedy series over *Murphy Brown* and *The Wonder Years*.

"I would like not just housewives but everybody in a family to see themselves (in TV characters)," Barr told reporters backstage. "It's nice to see people close to you. I'd like to see more of that on television."

The Vietnam war series, *China Beach*, was named favourite new television drama series over *Heartbeat* and *In the Heat of the Night*.

Cosby and Phylicia Rashad were named America's favourite male and female television performers, and their show, *Cosby*, was named favourite television comedy series for a fifth straight year. "Cosby" also was voted top all-time television series over venerable favourites *Star Trek* and *MASH*.

*L.A. Law* was named favourite television drama for the second year over *Knots Landing* and *Murder, She Wrote*. "Our show has won a lot of critical awards, but I think that is what really counts," said Michele Greene, who plays a young lawyer on the show.

*Rain Man* was named favourite dramatic film over *Die Hard* and *Young Guns* and one of its stars, Dustin Hoffman, won the award for favourite actor in a dramatic film.

In accepting his award from Jon Voight, an emotional Hoffman recalled the 1969 movie *Midnight Cowboy* in which he starred with Voight, saying the cast and crew of *Rain Man* tried "to capture the same humanity."

The honour for top comedy movie was shared by *Big and Tall*, which outvoted Eddie Murphy's *Coming to America*. A disappointed Murphy bounced back after being named favourite actor in a comedy movie over Tom Hanks and Danny DeVito.

"I thought it was going to be another two-way tie and I was going to lose again," quipped Murphy, who was outfitted in black leather and black cowboy for the black-tie affair.

Cher was named all-around female star, topping Bette Midler and Meryl Streep. Midler was the top vote-getter for favourite actress in a movie drama, while Streep was named favourite actress in a movie drama.

Michael Jackson's *Smooth Criminal* was named favourite music video, but Jackson lost to country star Randy Travis for favourite male musical performer.

"I'm very overwhelmed by the success I've had," Travis said backstage. "To win the awards and sell the records that I have, I never expected that."

Whitney Houston was named favourite female musical performer over Reba McEntire and Barbra Streisand.

Those presenting awards included Pam Dawber, Olympia Dukakis, Robin Givens, Arsenio Hall, Mark Harmon, Charlton Heston, Gregory Peck, Stefanie Powers and the Smothers Brothers.

## Salvador soldiers murdered peasants

SAN SALVADOR, March 13. (AP) After trying to blame rebels, the military admitted responsibility for the Sept. 21 slaying of 10 peasants and said nine soldiers, including two officers, will stand trial for the massacre.

The slayings and subsequent cover-up were "a grave violation of normal operating procedures," said an armed forces statement.

It said an intelligent unit major, a second lieutenant, two staff sergeants, a corporal and four privates from the 5th Brigade's Jiboa battalion "will be turned over to civilian judicial authorities" to stand trial.

Col Jose Emilio Chavez Caceres, a brigade officer relieved of his command, will be reinstated because he was innocent of any wrongdoing and was lied to by his subordinates, it said.

At first, the military claimed the peasants were rebels who ambushed a Jiboa battalion patrol and were killed in "fierce combat" in the hamlet of San Francisco, near brigade headquarters in San Vicente, a city 58 kilometres east of San Salvador.

However, news reports quoting witnesses said a 33-man patrol marched into San Francisco, rounded up the village's 15 families in the schoolhouse, separated the 10 peasants and accused them of collaborating with guerrillas.

Witnesses said the seven men and three women were taken to a nearby ravine, tied up, blindfolded and killed with hand grenades. Some witnesses said they also heard bursts of rifle fire after the explosions.

The next day, the rest of the villagers found the bodies in the ravine covered with a banner of the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front rebel coalition, witnesses said.

The military claimed the peasants were killed after being detained for "involvement in the activities of subversive organisations" and possessing explosives and propaganda.

The statement said an investigation found the soldiers had lied to their superiors and that Maj. Mauricio Beltran Granados, an intelligence officer, had ordered the peasants killed.

It was the worst mass slaying of civilians in four years in El Salvador.

### Protests in Turkey

ANKARA, March 13. (Reuters) Senior police officers said today that foreigners might have provoked Muslim fundamentalists' protests in Turkey this month, the biggest since the 1980 Army coup.



### Church service

The mother of a political detainee at a church service held in the Langa township near Cape Town to mark National Detainees Day. A number of programmes countrywide focused on the plight of hundreds of anti-apartheid activists jailed without trial. (Reuters wire-photo)

## Yeltsin defends political integrity

MOSCOW, March 13. (Reuters)

Disgraced Moscow Communist Party chief Boris Yeltsin, defending his political integrity in an unprecedented television debate last night, has accused top party officials of working against his election campaign.

Yeltsin, ousted in 1987 for saying reforms were moving too slowly, faced factory manager Yevgeny Brakov, his opponent in March 26 elections to the new-style Soviet parliament, for 90 minutes on Moscow regional television.

"Unfortunately, the Moscow party committee has been using all the propaganda means at its disposal to support one of the two candidates," he said. "I do not think this is correct."

Two-thirds of the 2,250 seats in the Congress of People's Deputies will be decided in the country's first genuine multi-candidate contests.

### Half measures

Yeltsin fired a new barb at the "perestroika" reforms of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, saying many programmes adopted were "half-measures."

But the first major confrontation of the campaign was largely lacklustre as Yeltsin, looking tired, took his time answering questions telephoned in by the capital's residents.

The debate revealed few major differences in the platforms of the two candidates. But Brakov, manager of Moscow's huge Zil car plant, was more incisive and betrayed an occasional trace of anger.

### And the bride wore black

ROME, March 13. (Reuters) An Italian couple who arrived for their wedding in a hearse with the bridegroom in a coffin could be jailed for public indecency.

The magistrate's office in the northern town of Varazze said Giorgio and Lauretta Venturini would be tried on Wednesday. The offence is punishable by up to one month in jail.

The bride turned up in a hearse wearing black for the town hall wedding in 1987. Her fiancé was travelling in a coffin in the back of the funeral car.

Lauretta Venturini said she got the idea for the black wedding after receiving a joke bereavement card among messages congratulating the couple on their forthcoming marriage.

The case was brought to court after the couple appealed a fine imposed by the police.

## Botha vows to stay on for one more year

CAPE TOWN, March 13.

(Reuters) South African President P.W. Botha, vowing to stay on in power for at least another year, has reprimanded his party for urging his resignation.

In his first television interviews since suffering a stroke in January, he said: "I am not clinging to power. I am clinging to the constitution, good order and discipline."

Botha, repudiated by even the pro-government press, blamed the leadership crisis on hostile forces seeking to undermine South Africa and rebuked his National Party's caucus for demanding that he hand power to F.W. de Klerk.

"I expected the caucus to have the maturity, the love and the loyalty to seek solutions with me," he said.

The NP's supreme federal board is due to meet tonight to discuss the leadership crisis after Botha last week rejected a demand by at least 120 of the 133 caucus members for his retirement after his stroke on Jan 18.

### Weapon

Political analysts said Botha had used the only weapon at his disposal to fight back against De Klerk, who succeeded him as party leader in February, and to serve notice that he would not go quietly.

Botha said he would return to work two weeks ahead of scheduled on Wednesday — budget day.

He would see out his five-year presidential term and would decide then whether to seek re-election, he said.

His term expires in September, but he said he would extend it to March by postponing a scheduled general election by the maximum six months allowed under the constitution.

He urged self-discipline and promised to negotiate with party leaders. "A little time, a little patience, a little self-control and we will find solutions to these issues through consultation," he said.

### Signal

Party sources said the federal board, an advisory body that has never been overruled in more than 40 years of Nationalist rule, would endorse De Klerk as its choice for the presidency and would send Botha a strong signal that it was time to quit.

"There is no doubt that De Klerk is still going to win," said Cape Town political scientist professor Robert Shirre. "It was a very skillful performance, but it is not going to revive his career."

But one Nationalist caucus member said the interviews on state-run television — one on a channel for whites, the other on a channel for blacks — might revive sympathy for Botha.

"He looks very thin and his suit is too big, but to the general public, I would say his performance was a masterpiece," the source said.

### Violence

Meanwhile, South African blacks armed with knives and petrol bombs killed three people and set fire to houses and cars in a township near the Indian Ocean city of Durban, police said today. Police arrested 72 people in the clash yesterday, a brief statement said.

A black man was stabbed to death and the body of a 27-year-old woman found in separate incidents near Durban in Natal province.

At least 1,000 people in Natal have died over the past two years in fighting between rival black organisations, the United Democratic Front and Inkatha.

Both oppose apartheid race laws, but the left-leaning front accuses Inkatha of collaborating with the white-led government, while Inkatha says the leftists support the banned African National Congress.

## Belgium's latest craze

# Mystery flights open

BRUSSELS, March 13. (Reuters) An hour ago, the 18 passengers at the back of the aircraft had no idea where they would be flying to.

Like hundreds of Belgians each weekend, they simply turned up at Brussels airport with day-return tickets to fly the national airline Sabena to a mystery destination.

Their 3,000-franc (\$78) flat-rate tickets will take them to one of the 15 European cities from London to Milan for a stay of 40 minutes or so before catching the same plane back to Brussels.

Sabena says it devised the "air promenades" scheme to promote air travel, fill empty seats at weekends and encourage people to stick with the airline in future.

### Destination

"The promotional impact is fantastic. In Europe people fly much less than in the United States. Half of all Americans have flown, here the figure is 15 per cent," said Achille Moerman, Sabena's European head of marketing.

Promenades can but tickets up to Friday afternoon, when Sabena checks the number of seats available — usually between

50 and 500 — and decides who will be flying where.

Each passenger then receives a brief call telling them when to be at the airport. On arrival, they check in at a special desk and are given a bright blue badge with their boarding passes. Only then do they know what their destination will be.

"There's one man who's been four times already and several who have been more than once. Whenever we get repeat bookings we try our best to send them to a different destination, Moerman said.

### Crazy

"After you've taken meals and everything else into account, we don't make a profit on the fares. It's the same amount as you'd pay for a meal in a restaurant," he said.

Sabena surveys since the scheme began six weeks ago show that the majority of air promenaders have never flown before and that most travel because they like the idea of flying rather than to buy duty free goods.

"We'll continue the scheme until we run out of passengers. It allows you to see the exciting international view of air trans-

port," Moerman added.

The not-so-exciting international view of air transport — an air controllers' strike — meant the 18 air promenaders on a recent Saturday flight to Nice left more than an hour late.

"No I don't think it's crazy to buy a ticket and not know where you're going. I like flying a lot, but you don't get the chance to do so in my job. This is only my fourth flight in 20 years," said bank teller Andre Koekelberghs.

"It's not that expensive, considering what you have to pay for flights normally. I'm not sure if we'll be doing it every week, though," he said as the Boeing 737 cruised over the Alps.

There seems to be no shortage of passengers willing to take part, even if not all of them look thrilled when the plane leaves the ground.

"This is my first ever flight. It's an experience but I'm a little frightened. I'm not sure if they've checked the engines," said school teacher Martin Lambrechts.

"I think it's a fantastic idea, especially for those who haven't flown before. You're getting the same service as those who've paid the full fare," said Captain Raymond Aelvoet.

## Prawn fishing trawlers for sale

### Under mortgages instructions

The undermentioned six purpose-built Bluff Class Double Rigg Steel Prawn trawlers built by Ocean Shipyards in Australia are offered for sale. The vessels are approximately 10 years old and range in size from 22-24 metres.

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## MIDEAST BRIEFS

## Hearing on Mideast

BONN, March 13. (Reuters): The Socialist International (SI) said today it would invite all parties involved in the Middle East conflict to an international hearing on peace moves for the region.

West German Social Democrat Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, chairman of the SI's Middle East commission, said the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and "all parties to the conflict" would be invited to next May's hearing in Brussels.

## Hostage situation

BATAVIA, New York, March 13. (AP): As he enters his fifth year as a hostage in the Middle East, Terry Anderson may be suffering from backlash over British author Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses*, says Anderson's sister Peggy Say.

The book has worsened relations between the West and Muslim extremists who hold Anderson captive, diminishing his prospects for release, Mrs Say said.

"The situation has fallen apart again," she said. "It seems like every time we get close, something unpredictable happens."

## Hijacker's trial

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP): Federal officials believe a conviction in the sky piracy of Fawaz Younis will send a message to potential terrorists that the United States has a long arm that can haul them to justice.

"You can send that hijacker a message," US Justice Department lawyer Karen Morrisette said in her closing argument to the jury. The panel of seven women and five men resume deliberations today.

Critics say that even conviction and life imprisonment for Younis would do little to dissuade hijackers, and that acquittal would be at best costly and embarrassing, and could undermine counterterrorism efforts in the US.

## Activities curbed

CAIRO, March 13. (KUNA): In a move aimed at improving relations with Arab states, the Egyptian authorities have decided to curb the activities of all Arab opposition groups and Arab political refugees in Egypt, an Egyptian opposition newspaper said today.

But Al Wafd newspaper did not specify a specific date for the unprecedented Egyptian action which, according to the paper, will affect the African liberation movements' offices in Cairo.

Al Wafd added that the Egyptian authorities have already frozen the political and information activities of Arab opposition groups such as the Polisario Front, the National Yemeni Gathering, the Libyan opposition groups as well as that of former Sudanese President Jafar Nimeiri who has been living in Egypt ever since he had been overthrown in 1985.

## Kurd arrested

PARIS, March 13. (KUNA): The French anti-espionage police today announced the arrest of a member of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) suspected of killing a Turkish citizen in West Germany.

According to authorised sources, the Kurd, Qasim Kiliç, was arrested on a request from the West German authorities who accused him of killing a Turk on its soil.

The PKK is waging an armed struggle for independence against the Turkish government.

The sources said Kiliç was arrested on Friday and was presented to the criminal court yesterday.

## Mubarak in Bonn

BONN, March 13. (KUNA): West German President Richard von Weizsäcker today received his Egyptian counterpart Hosni Mubarak at the presidential palace villa Hammerschmidt in Bonn.

The Egyptian President is also scheduled to meet a number of senior West German officials and members of the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag), as well as representatives of industrial and banking sectors.

His talks with West German officials will deal with current situation in Middle East and efforts to boost peace in the area.

Mubarak arrived in Bonn yesterday on an official five-day visit to West Germany, accompanying a high-level delegation.

## Meningitis kills 745

ADDIS ABABA, March 13. (Reuters): Ethiopia said today that 9,600 people had contracted meningitis in the past six months and 745 had died from the disease.

The Health Ministry said most of the deaths occurred in December. The situation had now improved as a result of a mass vaccination campaign launched by the government.

Meningitis is a viral infection of the brain's membranes.

## Beirut airport reopens as ban is lifted

BEIRUT, March 13. (Agencies): Beirut airport reopened today after Lebanon's Christian government lifted its ban on flights in a move that could ease tension with its Muslim rivals.

Airport sources said an aircraft of Lebanon's freight airline TMA took off for Amsterdam after Edgar Maalouf, Public Works and Transport Minister in the cabinet of Major-General Michel Aoun, announced the lifting of the ban.

He said the decision was taken after fighting between Aoun's troops and Druze militiamen died down today.

"In view of the improvement in the security situation and out of concern for the public interest, it has been decided to resume normal activity at Beirut airport," Maalouf said in a statement.

Kuwait's Minister of State for

Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed was quoted today as confirming that despite the current difficult circumstances Lebanon is going through, the six-man Arab committee will continue its efforts to solve the Lebanese crisis.

Al Rashed told daily 'Al Seyassah' that the committee is capable of helping Lebanon overcome its crisis, and that the latest escalation in Lebanon had

delayed the third round of the committee's activities.

The committee had to inform the Arab League council to postpone the meeting.

He noted the foreign ministers meeting, which was scheduled to take place on March 28 will also be postponed to give the six-man committee more time to fulfil its duties at more suitable circumstances.

Meanwhile Syrian Defence

Minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass has told his troops that Syria will not hesitate in confronting any step or conspiracy aimed at partitioning Lebanon.

The newspaper quoted him as telling troops based in Lebanon on Sunday.



## Iranians freed

Troops of the so-called National Liberation Army of Iran, opposed to the Tehran government, distribute food to a group of Iranian prisoners who were being freed.

In a statement sent by telex to the Associated Press in Nicosia, the NLA said the release will bring to 2,646 the number of Iranian

prisoners freed since Aug 20, when Iran and Iraq halted border hostilities in accordance with a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire.

The statement said the release would commemorate the Iranian New Year, which falls March 21, but did not say when exactly the prisoners would be freed.

## Pakistan to look after Iranian interests

LONDON, March 13. (Reuters): Pakistan will look after Iran's interests in Britain following Tehran's decision to break diplomatic relations with London over the Salman Rushdie affair, the Foreign Office said today.

A spokesman said Pakistan's London embassy had been in touch with the Foreign Office several times since the arrangement was formally agreed last Friday.

"I suspect it will be very much a caretaker operation," the spokesman said.

British interests in Iran are looked after by Sweden's Tehran mission.

Relations between Britain and Iran were thrown into crisis last month when Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini ordered Rushdie to be killed, accusing him of blasphemy against Islam in his novel *The Satanic Verses*.

Iran severed diplomatic relations last Tuesday after Britain refused to denounce Indian-born Rushdie for writing the book.

Pakistan, among the first Muslim countries to ban the novel, has been shaken by anti-Rushdie demonstrations in which six people were killed.

Mulrooney, Prime Minister Brian Mulrooney, whose government briefly halted imports of *The Satanic Verses*, today expressed support for Britain in its dispute with Iran.

He said death threats against Rushdie were unacceptable.

Mulrooney was speaking to reporters outside 10 Downing Street after a two-hour meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

## Protest

High Wycombe, England: Some 2,000 Muslims marched through this town outside London yesterday, calling for a ban on *The Satanic Verses*.

Three people were arrested when scuffles broke out as a lone counter-protester tried to disrupt the anti-Rushdie march in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, 28 miles (45 kilometres) northwest of London. (AP)

Exhibited

Occupied Jerusalem: The Satanic Verses went on display at the opening of Jerusalem's International Book fair and its Israeli distributors were undaunted by Muslim fury over the book.

Two Israeli distributors displayed the novel prominently at their booths and the crowds fingered the year's most controversial book like a rare treasure. (Reuters)

Beirut: Britain said today it was closing its consular and visa sections in Lebanon and repeated a call for Britons to leave the country because of the Rushdie affair.

"The visa and consular sections of the British embassy will be closed to the public from March 14 until further notice," an embassy statement said. (Reuters)

## Israeli troops kill three guerrillas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 13. (Reuters): Israel killed three Palestinian guerrillas trying to penetrate its northern border today and said PLO leader Yasser Arafat had failed to keep his pledge to renounce terrorism.

The guerrillas were killed in Israel's south Lebanon security zone one km (less than a mile) from the Jewish state's border and two km (about one mile) from the Kibbutz Menara collective settlement.

The raid by guerrillas of the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), a dissident splinter group of the PLO, marked the deepest penetration of the security zone in five reported incursions since December.

"This is just one more indication that the PLO does not control groups that officially belong to it," Foreign Ministry spokesman Motti Amichai said.

Arafat in December renounced terrorism, leading to the opening of a US-PLO dialogue which has been bitterly criticised in Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, meeting President Bush today, was likely to cite the infiltration attempts as evidence the PLO is no partner to peace.

In the last month 20 guerrillas have been killed in abortive attacks from Lebanon. The PLO says its renunciation of terrorism does not apply to raids on Israeli military targets.

Washington has publicly questioned the PLO's commitment to renounce terrorism but a senior US official, in an apparent effort to explain continued contacts with the organisation, said the raids may not have violated the pledge.

In Beirut, a spokesman for the PLF confirmed three of its fighters were killed in the clash.

Israeli military authorities have started issuing special identity cards to Palestinians in the occupied territories accused of organising violent protests, security sources said yesterday.

Holders of the special green identity cards will be barred from entering Israel.

Frustrated that their 15-month uprising has failed to

## US reluctant to push peace initiative

## Arens meets Baker

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP): Officials welcomed Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens for talks today amid indications the United States remained reluctant to push a new Mideast peace initiative.

Arens' trip to Washington, which began with a session with Secretary of State James Baker, was designed by the US administration to focus more on measures to reduce tensions in the Israeli-occupied territories than on a grand design for an Arab-Israeli settlement.

After the talk with Baker and a working lunch, Arens was to see President George Bush at the White House.

"It's just basically common sense that before you do anything that you could consider an initiative, you've got to change the conditions and lower the level of violence and confrontation," said a US official, speaking yesterday on grounds of anonymity.

Bush has said he won't be stampeded into offering wide-ranging new peace initiatives in his talks with Middle East leaders. Arens will be followed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and there also will be visits by Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Bush has kept open the US dialogue with PLO, although administration officials have expressed concern about recent attacks by Palestinian guerrillas against Israeli soldiers.

Both US and Israeli officials seem content to use this week's talks to buy time before moving more heavily into the complex

produce political results, Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are escalating their attacks against Israeli soldiers.

In the last month, a soldier was killed in Nablus by a concrete block dropped on his head,

another was stabbed in Ramallah and a paratrooper sergeant missing for nearly a month is believed to have been kidnapped near the Gaza Strip.

At least 401 Palestinians have died during the uprising while 16 Israelis have been killed.

## Bahrain recognises rebel Afghan government

BAHRAIN, March 13. (Agencies): Bahrain recognised the Afghan interim rebel government today following Saudi Arabia and Sudan, the Bahrain-based official Gulf News Agency (GNA) said.

GNA said the decision was taken after a meeting in Riyadh between Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who holds the foreign portfolio in the Afghan rebel government.

Sheikh Mohammed and Hekmatyar are in Riyadh for a meeting of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Saudi Arabia last week became the first to recognise the Afghan government established last month by Pakistan-based rebel groups after the Soviet Union completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Diplomats said Riyadh wanted the OIC to follow suit but was unlikely to press the demand if other countries dissent.

GNA quoted Sheikh Mohammed as saying he hoped Afghanistan would regain its place as an active OIC member. The government in Kabul was suspended from the OIC after the 1979 Soviet invasion.

## Appeal

Saudi Arabia has urged the Soviet Union to help in transferring power peacefully in Afghanistan and on rebuilding the country.

"We hope the Soviet Union will support the transfer of power in Afghanistan peacefully and contribute to the rebuilding process because it needs major efforts," Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal told the daily Asharq Al Awsat.

"We hope the Soviets, as a big power and an important neighbour of Afghanistan, will also maintain good relations (with Kabul)," the London-based daily quoted Prince Saud as saying.

## Assault

Meanwhile, a bloody assault by Afghan guerrillas on the eastern city of Jalalabad entered its second week today as hundreds of captured troops, some as young as 12, were detained in a rebel border camp.

Rebel sources in the Pakistani border city of Peshawar said thousands of US-backed guerrillas attacked Jalalabad from the north on Sunday as part of the operation that began on March 6.

The sources said seven guerrillas were killed and five wounded in the latest assault on the city, 70 miles (120 km) east of the Afghan capital of Kabul. They gave no indication of Afghan casualties but said the rebels shot down a jet fighter.

Official Kabul Radio said on Sunday the rebels fired 3,000 rockets at Jalalabad over a 24-hour period and claimed Afghan troops killed 386 guerrillas and wounded 50. It put the rebel death toll from six days of fighting at 3,100.

Thousands of Afghan refugees have been pouring across the border to camps in Pakistan to escape the heavy fighting.

If the rebels win, Jalalabad would be the first major city to fall to the mujahedeen, in their 10-year-old war against the communist government in Kabul.

It would deal a powerful morale blow to the forces of Afghan President Najibullah after the Feb 15 withdrawal of Soviet troops supporting his government.

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## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## Educational seminar

SELF-FINANCING Bahraini graduates have been invited to a United Nations educational seminar due to be held in Geneva between July 10-27, according to an announcement by the United Schools International Arab Regional Office in Bahrain.

The 27th Geneva Graduate Study Programme, a three-week seminar, will be conducted by the United Nations Department of Public Information at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The theme of the programme is 'United Nations: Concerted Response to Global Issues.'

The aim of the programme is to provide an opportunity for an international group of young graduate students to deepen their understanding of the principles of the UN and its related agencies through first-hand observation and study.

The seminar will examine the UN's response to global issues, and will include lectures by senior UN officers and diplomats in English and French without interpretation. Lectures will be followed by panel discussions and candidates will be expected to prepare a final paper.

The programme itself is free but the UN makes no financial contribution either to the travel costs or living expenses of participants.

Bahraini graduates interested in attending this seminar should contact USI Arab Regional Office, P.O. Box 726, Bahrain. Tel: 232576/25839 before March 30.

The Institution of Engineers (India), Bahrain Chapter, will be organising a technical seminar at the Holiday Inn, on March 29.

Chief speaker Graeme L. MacMillan, along with other eminent speakers, will present a paper on the subject 'Concrete Structures — Diagnosis of Failure and Treatment.'

According to a statement issued to the Arab Times, the seminar is being held in view of the fact that failure of concrete structures has attracted so much attention in the Gulf due to various environmental conditions prevailing in the region.

## Sudanese crisis

## Mahdi to protect non-Muslims

KHARTOUM, March 13. (Reuters): Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi promised today to protect the rights of Sudan's non-Muslim minority whose fears of domination have fuelled a five-year civil war in the south.

He told Parliament that a constitutional conference, to be attended by rebels from the mainly animist and Christian south, would take the final decision on whether to impose Islamic sharia laws, an issue that helped spark the war.

"The Muslim majority is bound by its faith to an Islamic direction. It is also concerned that the full citizenship, religious and human rights of non-Muslims should be protected," he said.

Mahdi, whose cabinet resigned on Saturday, is forming a new broad-based coalition government under pressure from the Army.

Generals demanded last month that he form such a government and either spend more on defence or seek a peaceful end to the war against the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The crisis coincides with a UN appeal for a one-month ceasefire in April to let hundreds of thousands of tonnes of relief supplies be delivered to the south.

An estimated 250,000 southerners starved to death last year in a famine exacerbated by the war. The United Nations says 100,000 more could perish this year unless help reaches them.

Mahdi has agreed to the proposed truce but the SPLA has yet to announce its decision.

The Prime Minister today also urged trade unions to agree to a temporary freeze on strikes in exchange for their proposed inclusion in the new government.

Sharia laws have been at the heart of the southern rebellion since it flared in 1983. President Jafar Nimeiri, deposed in 1985, imposed sharia on Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The laws prescribe punishments such as flogging and amputations.

Sharia tenets have been relaxed since Nimeiri's overthrow. But the militant National Islamic Front (NIF) party has been strongly campaigning for its strict observation in Sudan, where 30 per cent of the population is animist or Christian.

"We look forward to the national constitutional conference to exchange views and agree on this matter (sharia)," said Mahdi. His Umma Party and the NIF were the main partners in the government, which quit on Saturday.

Iraq today urged other Arab states to readmit Egypt to the Arab health ministers council, which is due to meet in Tripoli, Libya, next month.

Al Thawra, the official newspaper of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, said Health Minister Abdul Salam Saad sent a letter to the current president of the council, Moroccan Health Minister Al Taib Bin Al Sheikh, asking him to include Egypt's return on the agenda of the meeting.

The newspaper quoted the letter as saying Iraq wants Egypt to be readmitted to the council, "in order to play its role, which is compatible with its weight on both the Arab and international level."

Iraq has also asked the Arab Organisation for Petroleum Exporting Countries to readmit Egypt at its next meeting, due in Kuwait in May.

Egypt has been readmitted to a number of Arab organisations in the past 15 months, following its reconciliation with most other Arab states. But it has yet to be readmitted to the Arab League, from which it was expelled in 1979 in the wake of the signing of a peace treaty with Israel.

Syria is the main obstacle for Egypt's readmission to the league, which must be approved unanimously.

Abdou Diouf meets Khaddafi today, the official news agency JANA said.

Diouf, who received Khaddafi in Dakar in December 1985, is expected to discuss economic and commercial co-operation.

## Palestinian leader rejects Bush peace proposal

## Arafat welcome to Israeli jail

NEW YORK, March 13. (Reuters): A high-ranking Palestinian official has rejected a reported Bush administration proposal that Palestinians end violent protests in the Israeli-occupied territories to ease tensions.

Speaking during a meeting of Palestinians and Israelis in New York, Nabil Shaath, chairman of the political committee of the Palestine National Conference, said: "It is impossible to ask us to stop the intifada (uprising) just to build confidence. The intifada is our only weapon."

"It is the reason for Palestinian unity and the mother of the current peace process."

The New York Times reported yesterday that

Washington was about to ask both the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Israel to take steps to ease tension in the occupied territories, where Palestinians and Israeli soldiers have clashed frequently since the uprising began over 15 months ago.

A State Department official, asked about the newspaper report, confirmed the suggestions were under consideration but said they were items for possible discussion, not a list of specific demands.

Meanwhile, an Israeli official said Israel would send Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat straight to jail if he came to Jerusalem to talk peace.

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## KD500 telephone deposit a must

By Salem Al Wawan

PREVIOUS telephone subscribers who did not pay a KD500 security deposit to the Ministry of Communications are now required to pay the amount, according to a new decision. The ministry has exempted expatriates from paying the KD500 security deposit provided they do not require international service.

The ministry last month also announced that it will no longer accept company guarantees provided on behalf of expatriate subscribers. Payment would have to be either in cash or in the form of a bank guarantee.

The ministry has already compiled a list of names of subscribers who fall within the new regulations. The department of financial affairs at the ministry will collect the security deposit from subscribers without disrupting telephone services.

The Ministry of Communications does not require government employees to pay the security deposit however, as the latter have to obtain a clearance certificate from the ministry prior to leaving the country, which states that they have no dues to pay — even if they have no telephone.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ramadan on April 7

THE Holy Month of Ramadan, this year, will begin on April 7, according to the Egyptian National Institute of Astronomy. The institute has based its prediction on astronomical calculations.

The month of fasting, this year, will be 29 days only as the new crescent of Ramadan will be born at 5.33 am on Thursday April 6 and will be sighted in 26 Arab and Islamic countries, the institute said.

### Islamic heritage

THE cost of building a centre at the Society for the Revival of Islamic Heritage amounted to about K.D. one million, according to Mohammed Al Shihani, the director of manuscripts and documents.

The centre, which began its services in 1981, is designed to provide researchers and the public with all relevant material to undertake scientific studies on Arab and Islamic heritage, the official said.

### Pharmacy college

THE construction of a college of pharmaceutical studies is not economically feasible at the present time, the head of the Pharmaceutical Science Division at Kuwait University's Faculty of Medicine Dr Abdullah Al Kharas told a local daily. This is due to a lack of official statistics establishing the need for such a facility, as well as the need to wait for the first batch of graduates from the Faculty of Medicine, he said.

### Waste treatment

A COMMITTEE to establish a company for the treatment of garbage has been set up, according to Chairman and Director General of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah. The committee consists of representatives from the Public Investment Authority, PAAFW and Kuwait Municipality.

### Hospital neglected

ALLEGATIONS that the Ministry of Public Health has neglected the Kuwait Psychiatric Diseases hospital were dismissed by the hospital's director, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Asfour in an interview with a local daily.

The ministry allocates different budgets for each of its hospitals according to the services administered by each, Dr Asfour said. He explained that unlike other hospitals, the Psychiatric Diseases hospital depends mainly on the efficiency and experience of its staff of doctors and requires little in the way of equipment.

Dr Asfour added that this, together with the fact that his hospital incurs little in the way of expenditure, accounts for its small budget allocation.

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# Kuwait-Iraq discussions continue

## Water and electricity agreement

BAGHDAD, March 13, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Al Rqobah conferred here today with Iraqi First Vice-President Ezat Ibrahim on issues of common interest to Kuwait and Iraq.

Rqobah said he relayed during the meeting greetings of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier of Kuwait to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and their wishes of progress and prosperity to the Iraqi people.

He told KUNA that the Iraqi first vice-president asked him to convey President Saddam's good wishes to the Amir and his

gratitude and appreciation for Kuwait's contribution toward current reconstruction works in Iraqi cities of Basra and Faw.

The minister, who is expected to conclude his talks with Iraqi officials tomorrow, praised "the cordial and brotherly feelings" demonstrated by the Iraqi side during the visit.

Earlier on Rqobah reviewed with Iraqi Industry and Military Manufacturing Brigadier Hussein Kamel, future Iraqi water supply to Kuwait.

The Kuwaiti minister discussed the same topic yesterday with

Iraqi Home Rule Minister Adnan Daoud Salman and both sides agreed on Iraq supplying Kuwait with 350 million gallons a day of drinking water and 200 million gallons for irrigation purposes, in addition to 500 million gallons for future needs.

The two countries also agreed upon an exchange of electric power at a daily maximum of 1500 megawatts.

The Kuwaiti-Iraqi technical committees met earlier at the Ministry of Home Rule in Baghdad to discuss some technical matters related to the future project of pumping water to

Kuwait from Iraqi rivers of Shatt Al Arab and the Euphrates.

The idea of transferring water from Iraq to Kuwait is not new. In 1907, during the tenure of late Sheikh Mubarak Al Sabah, Kuwait brought water from Shatt Al Arab, due to the drop in rainfall averages at that time.

In 1932, Kuwait designated 49 ships to bring water from Iraq and six years later a national company was established to organise operations of transferring fresh water. The company owned a 25-ship fleet.

In 1951, operations were halted as the Kuwait Oil Company

started pumping water from the city of Ahmadi with a total capacity of 180,000 gallons. In 1953 the first distillation station was built in Shuwaikh.

At present, the state has built several water desalination stations pumping close to 38 million imperial gallons of fresh water, according to 1986 statistics.

The average rate of water consumption for an individual in Kuwait increased by 500 percent in the past 30 years to reach 121,000 imperial gallons annually.

Talks between Kuwait and Iraq will wind up tomorrow.

# 'Di' Day di' lightful

By Fathima Ahmed and  
Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

LOVELY Di bowed over the Kuwaitis. They loved her. Adored her and gazed at her in awe. Ah! the charm of seeing Princess Diana in the flesh. More than 10 Arab male journalists yesterday ignored Prince Charles' address at the invisible exports seminar, and opted instead to cover Di's visit to the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped.

"Not that we don't like Prince Charles, but Princess Diana is so beautiful," they said with stars in their eyes as they boarded the Information Ministry bus that took us to the society's premises cordoned off by traffic police.

Princess Diana arrived in a turquoise polka-dot knee-length dress, wearing her famous smile and blushing cheeks, cheerfully greeting Khadija Khairi who was impatiently awaiting the royal visit with a bouquet in her hands.

"I know Princess Diana is coming," she told curious reporters. "Oh! You have another rose for me," said the Princess as she asked Zakaria about his piano-playing. "I'm sorry you can't play for me," she said, making Zakaria a very happy boy indeed.

**Tour**  
The society's chairman Abdul Rahman Salem Al Ateeqi and managing director Hashem Taqi took the Princess on a tour of the premises, which provide schooling and care for 136 disabled children.

She saw the classrooms, therapy room and the music room, asking all the right questions about care for the handicapped.

Hashem Taqi was not the only Kuwaiti who was impressed by Diana's interest in the welfare of children.

"It was a pleasure to receive Her Royal Highness," said Ateeqi, who is also an Amiri adviser and the former minister of finance.

The media people covering Princess Diana's visit were not at all happy with the intrusion, as they saw it, of Kuwait Television and the local journalists, who were kept miles away from the smiling Princess.

But the Princess left, saying polite bid good-byes to the children waving Kuwaiti flags. "I'm the happiest girl in Kuwait today," said Khadija.

**Delight**  
Meanwhile, a group of British women squealed with delight as they mobbed Prince Charles in a corridor of the Kuwait International Hotel after he met British-educated Kuwaitis at the British Council's Higher Education in Britain Exhibition.

"Are you married to Arabs or Englishmen?" queried the Prince as the women kissed his hand and took pictures for family albums. He burst into laughter when they told him they were married to Englishmen.

**Relaxed**  
The Prince was in a relaxed mood as he chatted with leading Kuwaiti personalities, including Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and Rector of Kuwait University Dr Abdul Mohsin Al Abdul Razzak, leading doctors, economists, civil servants and others.

He seemed irritated, on the other hand, by the media and was overheard by eavesdropping journalists as telling his Kuwaiti hosts that the UK press had blown the hysteria (bacteria growth in cheese and eggs) issue out of proportion. "More people die in wars than by eating polluted cheese," he said.

He also expressed concern about the growing world population and environmental pollution, and talked at length about how to "live in a more healthy environment, and cope with depleting food resources around the world," according to one of the Kuwaiti personalities.

The Prince also touched on the treatment of cancer with Dr Yusuf Omar, head of the Cancer Centre.

Showing Kuwaitis the yellow worry beads presented to him by a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Prince Charles seemed to be in a critical mood as he discussed the lack of research funds in the UK.

**Funding**  
Stressing the importance of contract research funding, he told Dr Abdul Razzak that British universities "instead of moaning should go out and get funds from industry." Before Dr Razzak could agree or disagree about the disadvantages of contract funding, the Prince was whisked off by protocol officials to his next appointment, a luncheon meeting with HH the Amir.

KUNA reported that after lunch His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah escorted Prince Charles on a visit to the Hunting and Equestrian Club, where they were welcomed by the club's chairman Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmad Al Sabah, board members and senior sports officials.

The report said that Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber, Farwanija Governor Sheikh Ahmad Hamoud Al Jaber and a number of senior officials were also present.

HH the Crown Prince and his distinguished guest toured various utilities of the club and watched a horserace, the trophy of which was the "Prince Charles Cup," the report said.

At the end of the club visit, Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmad Al Sabah presented shields of the club to HH the Crown Prince and the British heir apparent, the report concluded.

**Stir**  
The Prince and Princess of Wales have created quite a stir among the British community in Kuwait during their short visit. More than 600 Britons met the royal couple at the British embassy reception last night, although even greater numbers would surely have liked to attend.

Before their departure later today, the royal couple will visit the Kuwait National Museum this morning. They will be received by Information Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Azz Mohammed Jaafer, museum curator Ibrahim Al Baghly and director of the Islamic Arts Museum Sheikh Hussa Al Sabah.

The couple is scheduled next to visit the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. At the end of the official tour, Princess Diana will return to London while Prince Charles flies to Saudi Arabia to meet members of the ruling family there.



Diana solves a puzzle with a student at the Society for the Handicapped.



Diana cheers a disabled student in a classroom.



Diana on her knees talking to a nurse about her patient in the therapy room.



Diana in a pensive mood.



Charles in a relaxed mood at the Higher Education in Britain Exhibition.



Diana on her arrival Sunday night. Photos by Amr Jedid

## US immigrant visas Avoid scams, says embassy

By Diane Diaz  
Arab Times staff

PERSONS applying for US immigrant visas under the Berman diversity programme should follow the exact procedures set down by the US government and avoid possible scams by companies out to make money, according to the American embassy in Kuwait.

Companies offering to prepare visa applications for huge sums of money can do nothing more for a client than the client himself can do for free, an embassy official said.

His comments come as numerous entrepreneurs are offering to assist would-be immigrants with their applications. One company is charging \$125 to prepare an application and submit it on the client's behalf.

"There's nothing actually illegal about (the companies). They're offering a service, but it's an unnecessary service," the official said.

**No charge**  
"There's no reason in the world why anyone would have to go through any service to take advantage of (the immigration) programme," he added.

The limited immigration programme currently being sponsored by the United States will allow 20,000 people to immigrate to America over the next two years.

There is no charge to apply for an immigrant visa at this stage in the programme, and there is no formal application.

To apply, a person should take a sheet of paper and type the required information in English. That paper and the necessary photos should be sent directly to the designated address in Washington, D.C.

**Selection**  
Names will be selected at random by a computer. Persons selected will have to file formal immigrant visa applications, and pay the necessary fees at that time. The first 20,000 to qualify under US law will receive immigrant visas.

Applications are being accepted only during the month of March. Visa requests received in Washington before March 1 and after March 31 will not be included in the selection process.

The immigrant visa programme was designed to enhance the diversity of immigration to the United States. Only people born in so-called under-represented countries qualify.

An under-represented country, according to the US government, is one which used fewer than 5,000 immigrant visa numbers in fiscal 1988.

Natives of the following countries are not eligible to participate: China (mainland and Taiwan-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, and the United Kingdom, including natives of UK territories.

The US will grant 10,000 immigrant visas in fiscal 1990, which begins October 1 of this year. Another 10,000 will be granted the following year.

Those selected will be notified by the US consulate or embassy nearest to their place of residence.

## Traffic department wins fraudulent licence case

THE Court of Higher Appeals has overruled the judgement issued by the Court of Misdemeanours which asked the director-general of the Traffic Department to return a driving licence to a man who admitted getting it through illegal means.

The court based its judgement on the fact that the driving licence was obtained fraudulently and thus gives the concerned department the right to withdraw it any time.

### Payment

The case began when a man, identified as Adnan, was arrested and sentenced to 9 years in jail for posing as a member of the ruling family. The owner of the driving licence was asked to testify against Adnan in court, which he did, admitting he paid him KD500 for obtaining a learner's driving permit.

The man, identified only as S., said that after he paid the amount and Adnan brought him only the learner's licence,

he passed the driving test and was granted an official driving licence. But this driving licence was later withdrawn by the Traffic Department when it was discovered to have been obtained illegally.

### Judgement

Although the prosecution to whom S. testified asked the Traffic Department to release the driving licence, the department refused. S. then filed a case against the department in the Court of Misdemeanours, which ruled in his favour and asked the Traffic Department to give back the licence. The court based its judgement then on the fact that the illegal procedure was used to obtain the learner's licence and not the licence itself.

Only certain groups of expatriates in Kuwait are allowed to obtain the learner's and driving licence.

The Traffic Department appealed to the Court of Higher Appeals, which ruled in favour of the Traffic Department.

## Arab Labour Conference

## More power to labourers

RABAT, March 13, (KUNA): Representatives of Arab Labour Unions have clinched major work benefits including special allowances in talks with government ministers at the Arab Labour Conference, officials said yesterday.

Member of the Kuwait Labour Union taking part in the conference, Falah Rashed Al Mansour told KUNA that the Labour Union delegates have won better work rights including special allowances as a result of the week-long conference, concluding today.

"This resolution has been reached following heated debate. It rests in favour of Arab labourers," the Kuwaiti labour representative said.

### Gains

Mansour pointed out that other labour gains at the talks include a decision to keep intact all Arab labour organisation local bodies and institutions, while a decision on the size of financial contributions would be made at the 1990 conference.

But as part of a cost-cutting scheme, the conference approved cancellation of the boards of all the local bodies and institutions, whose business would be run by the headquarters.

Officials said the last night's session also discussed procedural issues including election of a new board for the organisation.



# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BAD laws are the worst sort of tyranny — Edmund Burke, Irish-born statesman (1729-1797).

## Credibility at stake

Battle for Jalalabad

By Hugh Pain

KABUL, (Reuters): The battle for Jalalabad that flared into the headlines a week ago has a significance far beyond the borders of the city, once the garden of Afghanistan but now a dusty, neglected and largely devastated town of little military worth.

The Kabul government needs to show it can win without its Soviet backers to do its fighting for it.

The disparate parties of the armed opposition — the mujahedeen — need to prove they can combine to capture a major target, not just hold their separate tracts of the rugged Afghan countryside.

For the Soviet Union, survival of President Najibullah's ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) is the last best hope of a friendly government on its southern flank and a consolation for nine years of unsuccessful warfare.

For the United States, an anti-communist government in Kabul friendly to its client Pakistan would swing South Asian politics sharply in its favour after the debacle of Iran.

In the second row of spectators, India eyes suspiciously the prospect of a Pakistan-Afghanistan connection if the mujahedeen win. Iran and Saudi Arabia look hopefully towards another Islamic government to the East.

All this and more is at stake as the rockets crash onto Jalalabad and the civilians flee, adding more to the five or six million Afghan refugees who already make up more than half the displaced persons in the world.

The Soviet forces left behind a reasonably well-trained, excellently equipped force of perhaps 100,000 men including paramilitaries. There is little doubt the Afghan forces could resist the mujahedeen — if they have the will to do so.

For the mujahedeen, who have thrown perhaps 15,000 men into the fight for Jalalabad, the problem is whether they can get their act together.

Helped by some \$700 million worth of US aid since the war began, they won renown as the irrepressible resistance fighters who forced the Russians to go home.

The next steps, according to their own propaganda and that freely put about in the West, were going to be easy.

They would form an interim government, brush aside Najibullah's administration and with thousands of government troops deserting and flocking to their side, they would be in power in Kabul in a matter of weeks.

But last month's shura, or council, in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, showed up what many people had believed all along. The seven Pakistan-based parties of the mujahedeen alliance, plus Iran-based groups, had little in common but hatred for the Russians.

The first requirement of the fragile coalition the rebels managed to form was a base on Afghan soil. And the target, just across the Khyber pass from Pakistan, was the eastern city of Jalalabad.

The battle began on Sunday March 5, and according to Afghan government intelligence, the mujahedeen planned to raise their flag over the city the following Wednesday and hold their first cabinet meeting there on Friday, March 10.

This would ensure them the credibility they needed for recognition first by the Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting in Riyadh and shortly afterwards by Pakistan and the United States.

The mujahedeen softened Jalalabad with shells and rockets, but they then appear to have tried to take it with attacks by small groups rather than a combined assault.

Military analysts here say this shows they could not agree to work together under a common leadership. The Afghan Army, facing conventional rather than guerrilla tactics, held them and claims to have thrown them back with heavy losses.

Lacking the city, the best the mujahedeen cabinet could manage was a hasty and ill-attended meeting in a village just inside Afghan territory.

"They ran to a cave like robbers and then they ran back again," sneered a spokesman in Kabul.

Many Afghan soldiers have deserted, but far more, well fed and clothed by the government, are sticking with the devil they know. And so far only Saudi Arabia has recognised the interim government, with even the United States and Pakistan preferring to bide their time.

The struggle for Afghanistan has only just begun. But after a week of fighting for Jalalabad the government of Najibullah is ahead in the credibility war. And that may be the one that counts.

As fighting raged for control of the city, more than 400 Afghan troops who were captured or surrendered last week at the garrison town of Samarkhel, eight miles (13 km) south of Jalalabad, arrived in Pakistan.

The soldiers, including nine boys aged 12 to 15, were introduced to reporters at a rebel base near Peshawar.

Hameed Gailani, a spokesman for the rebel group that brought the soldiers, said one of the trucks carrying the troops was attacked by a rival guerrilla group and 17 prisoners were killed.

Most of the soldiers who spoke to reporters said they were drafted in Jalalabad in the past week.

Anbar Gul, 15, said his family fled to Jalalabad to escape heavy fighting near their home just north of the city.

"I was drafted when I went shopping in the bazaar five days ago," the Afghan teenager said. "I defected to the mujahedeen because I never wanted to fight."

The rebels said they hope to avoid civilian casualties in taking major cities by encouraging defections among the troops.

Army Col. Ghulam Ali said, "when we got an offer to surrender we thought we would take the opportunity. But our commander did not want to. In Samarkhel, we surrendered, but some officers who tried to resist the mujahedeen were killed."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1558 — Ferdinand I assumes title of Holy Roman Emperor without being crowned by the Pope.

1647 — France and Sweden sign Treaty of Ulm with elector of Bavaria.

1689 — Convention parliament meets in Scotland, and William and Mary are proclaimed king and queen of England.

1757 — British Admiral John Byng is executed for neglect of duty resulting in loss of Minorca.

1840 — Constitution in Rome is promulgated by Pope Pius IX.

1917 — China severs diplomatic relations with Germany in World War I.

1957 — Eoka offers to suspend terrorist activities on Cyprus if Archbishop Makarios is released.

1965 — Israel's cabinet formally approves establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

1973 — United States relaxes embargo on arms shipments to Pakistan and India.

1976 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat asks parliament to cancel treaty with Soviet Union, charging that Moscow failed to provide arms that had been promised.

1978 — Israeli troops invade Lebanon on mission Israel says is designed to "root out" terrorist bases.

1987 — At least 12 people are killed in escalated communist insurgency in Philippines with congressional elections almost two months away.

1988 — Iran and Iraq unleash missiles on each other's capitals as so-called "war of the cities" erupts.

## Marcos town is now communist country

Rebels have started collecting taxes

By Eileen Guerrero

MARCOS, Philippines. (AP): Communist rebels have established a shadow government and are collecting taxes in this northern town named for the family of Ferdinand Marcos — a fierce anti-communist during his 20-year rule.

Local military and civilian officials say this town of 12,000 people that is 235 miles (380 kilometres) north of Manila became a rebel stronghold after the former president fled to Hawaii in the 1986 military-civilian uprising that propelled Corason Aquino to power.

"In the time of Marcos, they were only in the mountains," Mayor Felicitio Tamayo said of the rebel New People's Army. "Now they have been able to reverse that. It's as if the timing was great — communists entering and Marcos leaving."

The area had no special military protection under Marcos. And there was some uncertainty about what strategy to pursue against the communists in the early days of Aquino's government. The rebels evidently recognised this as opportunity and expanded their operations.

Most residents here still express strong support for Marcos. But Tamayo said rebel

activity has created a climate of fear which civilian and military officials appear powerless to stop. Since the military is unable to provide around-the-clock protection, there is little that townspeople can do except try to coexist with the guerrillas.

"By 6 pm, you should have already eaten and gone home," Tamayo said. "Then make sure all the windows are closed."

Marcos town is about 10 miles (16 kilometres) south of Sarrai, where the former president was born 71 years ago. The town's 13 outlying hamlets, most named for members of Marcos' family, have become gateways for guerrillas to slip down from the mountains into populous areas of Ilocos Norte province.

"They just pass through," said Melicio Duldulao, 45, chief of the hamlet of Imelda, named for Marcos' wife. "Occasionally, when they come at lunchtime, we ask them to join us. But that's all."

Tamayo said the rebels have killed civilians, seized private property for their "revolutionary agrarian reform" and have forced businesses to pay protection money, or what they call "revolutionary taxes."

On March 1, Army troops raided a 14-acre (six-hectare) rebel training camp less than two miles (three kilometres) from the

town. The camp, which was abandoned, contained obstacle courses and a makeshift clinic.

Townspeople say they try to remain neutral in the conflict but find themselves increasingly drawn into the cycle of violence.

"Cory arrived and the NPA arrived," said Helen Abrigado, wife of a town official. "We are really having a hard time. We are afraid. If we see the (rebels), we get scared. When we see the military we also get scared."

Duldulao said the rebels began infiltrating his hamlet, about a mile (1.6 kilometres) east of the town centre, in 1984. Four years later, they killed Artemio Manguma, leader of the village security volunteers and a suspected military informant, he said.

Several months later, rebels tied up Duldulao in front of his eight children but released him after his wife, Milagros, convinced them he had no links to the military.

"They have organised in the (village) level," said Brig. Gen. Bayani Fabic, northern Luzon commander. "They have organized economic committees and are already collecting taxes."

In other areas, rebels have been successful in recruiting a small core of supporters

and then intimidating others to provide passive support.

The Army's 45th Infantry Battalion operates in the area, and Fabic has stepped up intelligence-gathering operations against the shadow governments, which he considers the principal threat.

"To us, the armed component is easy to control," Fabic said, referring to armed guerrillas. "But to uproot the political structure of the shadow government, that is a very tedious process."

Rev. Rock Bonoan, a spokesman for Roman Catholic archdiocese, said the church plays a leading role in mediating between the military and the rebels. He said priests often must defend parishioners accused by the military of sympathising with the rebels, whose insurgency is 20 years old.

"Most of them are victims in this war," Bonoan said. "People are branded communist rebels even before they become one."

Last May, gunmen, who Bonoan said were believed to be soldiers massacred a family of five in the nearby town of Vintar. No one was arrested, he said.

"That has added to the people's dissatisfaction and demoralisation with the government," Bonoan said. "They have lost confidence in the government."

## Mideast peace efforts

# US-Israeli strategic ties strong

By Paul Taylor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuters): Military co-operation between the United States and Israel is now so pervasive that disputes over Middle East peace efforts are unlikely to weaken their links, Israeli and US experts say.

Government officials say they do not fear repercussions if, as expected, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir takes no new peace plan to Washington next month and remains adamant in his refusal to trade occupied Arab lands for peace.

His Foreign Minister, Moshe Arens, is in Washington to establish the first top-level contacts between a new, more hard-line Israeli government and the two-month-old Bush administration.

Israelis voiced fears when Bush took office that he would be less supportive than his predecessor Ronald Reagan, but so far the Israeli government has been relieved by Bush's slow and pro-Israeli approach to the Middle East conflict.

In the 1970s, strategic co-operation was a dog-bone that the United States threw to Israel as a reward for being a good boy and giving back Sinai (to Egypt), said Dore Gold, head of US studies at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

But the military partnership has since grown so close that Washington would be "shooting itself in the foot" if it tried to limit co-operation to pressure Israel into concessions, he said.

The link between the peace process and strategic co-operation calls for continuing co-operation rather than reducing it as some kind of punishment or threat," Gold said.

Israel stockpiles pre-positioned weapons and ammunition for the US Rapid Deployment Force and provides airstrips, port facilities, repairs and hospital treatment for US forces.

When US fighters shot down two Libyan planes over the Mediterranean in January, their aircraft carrier set out from the Israeli port of Haifa and returned there after the clash.

Israel's strategic importance has grown in the 1980s as US access to other potential allies in the Middle East and the Mediterranean has shrunk, said Yoram Ettinger, director of the government press office and a former Israeli consul-general in Houston.

Officials contrast Israel's willingness to co-operate with the warring degrees of reluctance exhibited by Greece, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in hosting US armed forces.

Israel is probably the only US ally with no anti-Arabian movement.

"Israel has a way of making itself useful when other allies are being difficult or downright impossible," a US diplomat said. Gold said superpower rivalry was increasing in the eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East despite the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the end of the Iran-Iraq war and the current mood of East-West detente.

The analysts do not see Washington's new dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation as threatening strategic co-operation with Israel.

They said US suspicions of some Arab governments like Libya were furthering the relationship. Washington has accused Libya of backing terrorism and building a chemical arms plant.

Israel, which receives \$3 billion a year in US aid, is also increasingly a supplier of military technology to the United States as well as a major importer of American arms.

US fighters fly farther and have more frequent sortie rates because of Israeli inventiveness, said Gerald Steinberg of Bar Ilan University, an expert on arms co-operation.

## At forefront of uprising

TAMOUN, Occupied West Bank. (AP): Whenever seven-year-old Seif Hashim spots Israeli troops approaching this West Bank village, he grabs a rock. Pulls a checkered Arab keffiyeh over his face and runs into the street shouting, "The Army's coming."

Seif and his grade-school friends belong to the "Palestinian cubs," a PLO-linked group that sets up barricades and throws stones at soldiers in the narrow alleyways of his village 110 kilometres (66 miles) north of Jerusalem.

"My job is to get the soldiers if they come into the village," explained Seif, his big blue eyes flashing. "There are about 45 kids in my gang. Some are older than me — they're eight."

Leaning back in his chair, Seif added in a high-pitched voice that he supported Nayef Hawatmeh's pro-communist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

"I want to be a PLO guerrilla when I grow up. Or a dentist," he said.

Increasingly, Palestinian children — some as young as five and six — are at the forefront of violent clashes with troops in the occupied territories. The death toll of about 390 in the 15-month-old uprising includes 61 children aged 16 and younger, and casualties among youngsters are on the increase, according to UN figures.

One reason for the involvement of younger and younger children is that many of the older youths who spear-

headed protests are in jail, or in hiding from Israeli security forces. The phenomenon has prompted charges from Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin that Palestinians are putting children in the front lines to win international sympathy and portray Israeli troops as ruthless.

"This is the major problem Israel faces ... Palestinian protesters surrounding themselves with kids and women at the front," Rabin recently told visiting US Jewish leaders.

He said clashes with stone-throwers make up 90 per cent of the violent incidents in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"And 60 per cent of these involve children from the age of six to 14 or 15," Rabin said.

Children have participated alongside adults and older youths in protests since the start of the Arab revolt. But children are taking on Israeli troops alone more and more.

"The soldiers are now facing situations where the only targets are young kids," said an international relief worker who declined to be identified. "That has changed the equation of the conflict."

According to UN figures, in the first six months of the uprising, 65 children aged 15 or under were shot in the occupied Gaza Strip. By the second six months, the number of young shooting victims had increased nearly five-fold to 307, including 21 fatalities.

In January, 61 of the 129 shooting casualties in Gaza were

15 or younger, according to the Arab-run Human Rights Information Centre in East Jerusalem. Three died.

The centre's Jan Abu Shahr estimated hundreds of under-16 youths had been detained during the uprising, but said less than 100 are being held now. Army spokesmen stressed that no one under 12 could be jailed.

In Tamoun, Seif and about 400 boys ages five to 12 belong to the "cubs," which has no relation to non-violent scout groups. Each week, the children participate in anti-occupation marches, broadcasting nationalist slogans through megaphones and carrying outlanded Palestinian flags and pictures of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat through village streets.

Children are organised by uprising leaders well aware of the propaganda value provided by youths facing heavily armed soldiers.

"We are teaching these kids to be active resistors," said Shehab Gharaybeh, 30, a youth organiser. "The personality of the child is formed in the early years. These children will be stronger than us. They are the PLO's plan for continuing the struggle."

"Also, punishing children is a sensitive issue for the Israeli Army. We know that and it is something we use," he added.

In some cases, children join in stone-throwing protests over objections from parents. During the uprising, some Palestinian children have lost respect for their parents, whom they criticise for not fighting the Israeli occupation themselves.

## Peace settles on Gulf war killing ground

By Salah Nasrawi

RAS AL BISHA, Iraq. (AP): Iraqi soldiers manning their Army's southernmost observation post on the Gulf war ceasefire line lay in the sun, idly watching the Iranians in their outpost a few hundred yards (metres) across the mouth of the Shatt Al Arab waterway.

The Iranians were doing the same, peering with binoculars across the estuary as it flowed into the Gulf.

Like the Iraqis, they are waiting for a peace treaty between their governments that will allow them to go home.

The only sounds to intrude on the overpowering quiet were the cries of noisy seagulls wheeling above and the waves from the Gulf breaking on the seaweed-strewn beach.

The soldiers' biggest problem is boredom and the hordes of bugs swarming over the marshy shoreline.

Despite reports of violations of the seven-month-old ceasefire further north, life in what was one of the bloodiest battlegrounds of the eight-year Iran-Iraq war has assumed a sleepy tranquillity.

"We've plenty of time now for fishing, playing cards and reading," said the Iraqi officer who commands the small squad manning the sandbagged post.

Remains of an Iranian-built brigade and a sunken vessel sit offshore. When a reporter tried to photograph them, a young Iraqi lieutenant quipped: "Don't do that. ... The Iranians will take that as a violation of the ceasefire."

Eleven months ago the area was under constant Iraqi air

attack and artillery fire. The main target was the concrete bridge the Iranians built to link their bridgehead on Iraq's southern Faw peninsula, captured in February 1986.

For two years, the Iraqis tried and failed to dislodge the Iranians dug in around the marshlands ringing the battered oil terminal town of Faw.

Then, last April, Iraq launched a surprise attack after weeks of diversions and stealthy infiltration. Baghdad recaptured Faw in a 36-hour battle.

It was the first of a chain of victories that pushed the Iraqis out of all Iraqi territory they had overrun and forced Tehran to unconditionally accept a United Nations Security Council ceasefire resolution.

A large sign erected at the entrance to Faw declares that 52,948 Iraqis and more than 120,000 Iranians were killed in the battles for the sandy peninsula, a fresh indication to Western reporters of the scale of the war's losses.

Unofficial estimates have put the Iraqi death toll for the whole war at around 150,000. Iran has admitted only about 130,000 dead for the whole war, but Western estimates are several times higher.

Iraqi officers said more than 6.5 million shells were fired by the two armies to bombard each others' positions during the Iranian occupation of Faw.

The ruined town, one of the few Iraqi towns overrun by the Iraqis, "stands as a symbol of our sacrifices and heroism," said Anwar Saeed Al Hadithi, governor of nearby Basra.

He said plans have been completed to build a new urban centre in Faw to replace the old town.

Al Hadithi said a huge man-made hill will be built on the

peninsula, equivalent in size to all the heavy weapons used in the battles for Faw by the two armies.

"When Iraqis and visiting Arabs get to the top of the hill they'll be able to see the Iranian territory from where the invaders launched their aggression in 1986," he said.

Iraqi authorities last year launched a nationwide donation campaign to collect money to rebuild Faw, which had a pre-war population of 56,000.

Similar drives were launched in neighbouring Kuwait and other Gulf countries.

Reliable Iraqi sources claimed millions of dollars have been collected for the reconstruction, which is expected to start next month on the anniversary of the town's liberation.

The government has not spelled out its plans for Faw port, which before the war began in September 1980 was a key oil export outlet to Japan and Europe.

Rebuilding the port cannot start until Iran and Iraq reach agreement in their deadlocked peace talks on clearing the 120-mile-long (190-kilometre) Shatt Al Arab of sunken ships, war debris and eight years of silt.

During their occupation of Faw, the Iraqis built three bridges across the Shatt to move troops and equipment to the peninsula.

The Iraqis destroyed all three, and concrete columns are still believed to be intact and blocking navigation in the waterway.

"Our determination to rebuild Basra and Faw is the clearest evidence that we want peace. It's the other side which is required to show good intentions," Al Hadithi said.

## Ozal party hopes to stop loss in support

By Emel Anli

ANKARA, (AP): Premier Turgut Ozal's ruling Motherland Party, whose electoral support slipped sharply since it came to power in 1983, hopes to halt the trend in nation-wide local elections this month.

Turkish voters go to the polls on March 26 to elect mayors, provisional assembly members, city council members, village headmen and neighbourhood representatives.

The polls have no legal bearing on Ozal's national government. The next general election is scheduled in 1992.

But the opposition has once again presented the local elections as a gauge of the national mood. It contends a crushing defeat for the Motherland could force Ozal to call an early election.

"We will first change the municipalities, then the government. It is time for Motherland people to pack their bags," Erdal Inom, leader of the chief opposition Social Democrat Populist Party, has told campaign crowds.

Belief

Motherland officials scoff at such slogans. "The opposition will not realise its expectations and we will keep our ground," said Hali Sivgin, one of the assistant chairmen of Ozal's centre-right party.

But support for Ozal has been steadily sliding since he led the Motherland Party to power in 1983, capturing 68 per cent of the votes and the first parliamentary majority since 1969. In the last general elections in 1987, the party received 36 per cent of the votes, but kept its majority under an election system that favours the largest party.

In local elections five years ago, Motherland garnered 41 per cent of the votes and 54 out of 67 mayors in provincial capitals.

Last November, Ozal lost a referendum he called to move up the date of the local elections.

High inflation, currently running at 75 per cent, has taken its toll on the party's popularity. To restrain prices, the government has applied the brakes on an economic boom.

Newspaper commentators say Ozal is likely to present a renewed 36-per cent share of the votes as a triumph.

The measure for overall party strength will be the provincial assembly elections, which most resemble parliamentary polls.

Seven parties will run candidates in the multiple local races, the seventh nation-wide balloting in seven years. But political analysts predict that in most cities it will be a close contest between the Social Democrats and Motherland candidates for the winner-take-all mayorships.

Motherland candidates are banking on their records on such things as investments in sewage and water systems, social housing and paved roads in slum districts.

The opposition contends that more could have been accomplished in those areas if the increased local government budgets had not been wasted through alleged corruption and mismanagement.

Ozal's overall record is also a major issue, according to Emre Kogur, a sociologist and head of the Kamar polling agency.

Despite considerable economic gains under five and a half years of Ozal rule, best demonstrated by a \$1.5-billion current account surplus last year, workers have been hurt by the high inflation.

With average earnings less than a quarter of West European wages, Turks pay similar prices for many staples from eggs to canned goods.

The opposition is critical of the government's human rights record, citing Amnesty International reports on torture in Turkey. It also complains about poor educational and health services, and has suggested Ozal is guilty of nepotism.

Clan

Ozal's brother Yusuf is a member of the cabinet in charge of economic affairs. His cousin Husnu Dogan is the minister of agriculture, and his son Ahmet serves as his father's unofficial chief of staff and appointments secretary.

Also influential on Ozal's decisions are his wife Semra and his other brother Korkut, a former minister of interior who has become a rich business squire. Ozal came to power, sources close to the government claim.

Mrs Ozal heads a foundation to improve the lot of women in Turkey.

One best-selling book — "Where Does Turgut Spring From?" — has implied that businessmen can boost their chances for government contracts by supporting the foundation



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## UK firms losing out to foreign competition

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

PRINCE Charles, heir to the British throne, yesterday censured British companies for their inability to forge close ties in countries with which they want to do business.

"In almost every country I visit I hear the same story — that British firms are consistently losing out to foreign competition through an inexplicable inability in the establishment of a presence in the country with which you want to do business. Other countries take the trouble to do it. Why can't we?" said Prince Charles.

He voiced his criticism while

addressing the opening session of a British Invisible Exports seminar at the Central Bank of Kuwait.

The Prince, however, made it clear that the British Invisible Exports Council (BIEC), which helped organise the seminar, was not among the organisations that drew his disapproval.

Seminar  
"Would that their (BIEC's) example was followed more energetically by many more British companies seeking to trade with such countries as Kuwait," he said.

Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, stressed in his speech the strong links between the City of

London and Kuwaiti banking and financial institutions.

Sir George Blunden, deputy governor of the Bank of England, told the Arab Times that the seminar aims to inform the Kuwaitis, who are the largest investors in Britain's equity markets, on the latest developments and changes that are taking place in the City of London.

Needs

Other participants at the seminar stressed that London will remain a key financial centre even after the European market unifies in 1992. The British experts sought to assure their Kuwaiti counterparts that the City of London was adapting to developments in the European

market and will continue to offer a wide range of financial services.

"London remains the place where more international papers are traded than anywhere else. This puts us in a good position to watch places like Kuwait, which not only has a large amount of money to invest but also needs to have a window on the opportunities for its investment banks," said Viscount Garmoye of S.G. Warburg and Co., one of the largest investment banks in Britain.

The British financiers concurred that they stood to profit from Prince Charles' presence at the seminar.

Blunden said that the Prince's presence will ensure that the British bankers get to meet the lead-

ing people in Kuwait's financial community.

"They didn't come for us, they came for the Prince. But this ensures that we get a good hearing," said Blunden.

Britain has a 200-year long tradition of providing international services. In every one of these years it has produced a surplus in invisible trade in services.

The UK's private sector surplus on invisibles transactions in 1987 was £14 billion, some three times as large as the UK's surplus oil account. Half of the UK's total foreign earnings come from invisibles such as banking, insurance, securities dealing, commodity trading, leasing and investment management.

### Bid to boost efficiency

## Fahd heads Saudi Aramco's board

NICOSIA, March 13, (Reuters): King Fahd has appointed the first supreme board to govern the kingdom's new Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) under his chairmanship, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

Oil industry sources in the Gulf said the move was expected as the Supreme Board's creation and functions were clearly defined in the company's statute. The company was formed last November to run the kingdom's oil industry.

According to the company statute, the Supreme Board will be chaired by "the prime minister or his nominee." King Fahd is also Saudi Arabia's prime minister.

### Efficiency

Saudi Arabia set up Saudi Aramco as part of a restructuring of its oil industry to boost efficiency and cut costs.

The Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco), owned by four major US oil companies — Mobil Corp, MOB, Exxon Corporation, Texaco Inc and Chevron Corp CHV

— had been running the kingdom's oil industry as contractors before the move. The four now supply services to Saudi Arabia Aramco.

The Supreme Board of Saudi Aramco includes Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, Finance Minister Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abal Khalil, as well as the company's president Ali Al Nuami and five private sector representatives.

SPA quoted Nazer as saying the King had also appointed a board of directors for Saudi Aramco headed by the oil minister.

### Plan

Saudi Aramco's statute gives the Supreme Board the responsibility to approve the company's five-year work plan, including its programme for crude oil production and exploration of new hydrocarbon reserves and development.

It is also empowered to approve a five-year capital investment programme and has to meet at least once a year.

## British stocks at post-crash high

LONDON, March 13, (Reuters): The British Stock Exchange closed at a post-crash of 87 high today helped by a sharp early rise on Wall Street.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares closed 17.8 points higher at 2,103, its best since global stock markets dived on October 19, 1987. Its previous post-crash was 2,096.2 on February 8 this year.

In New York, bluechips began the week with a sprint, running up a 26-point gain by midday on market hopes for a smaller US trade deficit, when figures for January are issued on Wednesday.

US stocks were also pushed up by a wave of buying from investors using computers which tell them when to buy and sell.

Today there was a spate of so-called buy programmes.

Lower

Earlier in Tokyo, shares had ended lower due to a resurgence of worries about world inflation and concern that local interest rates might rise.

There was a mixed trend on other European bourses.

The dollar ended a share higher at 1.8668 marks and 129.75 yen compared with 1.8625 and 129.50 on Friday.

"We have not had this narrow trading range for ages," said one Frankfurt trader.

The price of gold bullion closed in London at \$392.95 an ounce, virtually unchanged from Friday.

Oil prices firmed as much as 40 cents a barrel today on news of a temporary production shutdown at a key North Sea oilfield, traders said.

Crude oil production at Norway's Ekofisk field was shut down after a small fire broke out there early today.

The operators of the field, which pumps 245,000 barrels per day, said it was too early to say when output would resume, but said they did not expect a long shutdown.

### Energy File

## Aqazadeh and Boussena ready to boost oil prices

NICOSIA, March 13, (AP): Iran and Algeria yesterday pledged to co-operate in efforts to boost the price of oil to \$18 a barrel, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said that a joint communiqué signed in Algiers by Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh and his Algerian counterpart, Abdelkader Boussena, pledged to improve economic, industrial and trade co-operation, especially in oil and related fields.

Iran and Algeria are both members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

OPEC members agreed in November to set a production ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day starting Jan 1.

The International Energy Agency released estimates earlier this week showing that the OPEC nations produced 19.4 million barrels of oil a day in February, less than the 20.2 million barrels produced in January, but still above the target.

Iran's February production was estimated at 2.7 million barrels a day.

### Oil export cut

QUITO, March 13, (OPECNA): Ecuadorian Minister of Energy and Mines Diego Tamariz has acclaimed the recent cut in oil exports by the Soviet Union for the first six months of the year.

"We are pleased with the announcement by the world's greatest producer to reduce production by 100,000 barrels per day," he said, adding that the gesture would have significant impact on the international oil market.

Tamariz singled out non-OPEC co-operation as a major factor influencing the favourable trend in last few weeks towards oil market stability.

He disclosed that an upward variation of one dollar in world crude oil prices could mean an additional income of \$70 million per annum for Ecuador.

### Highest bidder

NEW YORK, March 13, (UPI): Oil prices soared on world markets on Friday amid reports China plans to cut its oil exports and Britain will resume partial production from three North Sea oil fields shut down by an accident in December.

Prices rose on international spot markets, where oil is sold to the highest bidder, but retreated on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

On the US Gulf coast spot market, West Texas Intermediate — the benchmark US crude — jumped 40 cents to \$18.70 a barrel.

It was an up-and-down day on the Merc, said Peter Beutel, analyst at Elders Futures Inc. in New York. "China announced it would cut back oil exports but did not specify the number of barrels involved, which nobody was able to quantify."

### Oil co-operation

SANA'A, March 13, (OPEC-NA): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi arrived here yesterday on a three-day official visit at the end of a delegation.

He said on arrival that his visit all within the framework of the close bilateral relations maintained by the two countries.

Al Chalabi said he would be particularly interested in discussing oil industry co-operation with his hosts, especially in view of the recent formation of the Arab Co-operation Council which, he added had opened new spheres of common activities among member states.

The minister offered to extend Iraqi technical assistance to North Yemen in oil industry sector.

### Alberta to reduce exports

## Oil output cuts depend on OPEC: Al Shanfari

NICOSIA, March 13, (Reuters): Oman's oil minister said in remarks published today that non-OPEC oil producers have no independent plans for output cuts in the second half of 1989.

"So far we have no plans for the second half. This will depend on OPEC and the supply/demand outlook," said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari was quoted as telling the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES).

More than 10 independent oil producing countries last month in London discussed measures to back efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to boost oil prices.

MEES said that seven of the independent producers had so far announced unconditional five per cent export cuts totalling 291,255 barrels per day (BPD) for the second quarter of 1989.

### Production

The 13 nations in OPEC agreed last November to reduce production by 20 per cent to 18.5 million BPD and spot oil prices rose around \$5 a barrel.

Shanfari, involved in bringing together non-OPEC producers, said he was pleased with the outcome of the London meeting.

"We are very pleased with what we have achieved... perhaps the most gratifying development was the decision of the Soviet Union to join in our cutback effort," he told MEES in an interview.

The Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer, said last week it would cut exports by 100,000 BPD. Shanfari visited Moscow last January and the Soviet Union sent observers to non-OPEC meetings.

The other non-OPEC countries which announced export reductions were Mexico, Oman, Egypt, China, Angola and Malaysia.

Shanfari said a proposed ministerial meeting of OPEC and non-OPEC groups would give OPEC the chance to let the others know of its plans for the second half of the year.

MEES said discussions were in progress regarding the holding of a joint ministerial meeting at the



Subroto

end of March, after a session of OPEC's eight member market monitoring committee in Vienna on March 29.

Non-OPEC oil producers, including China, will cut their exports in the second quarter by 291,255 BPD, OPECNA learnt today.

China will cut its oil exports by 31,800 BPD in support of OPEC efforts to stabilise oil prices through self-imposed production discipline and with the co-operation of non-OPEC producers.

### Policy

OPEC has also been given to believe that the Canadian oil producing province of Alberta will reduce its exports by 33,000 BPD in the second quarter because of increased domestic consumption. Brunei will do likewise with 7,500 BPD.

Colombia, OPEC understands, will freeze its net exports in the April-June period at 191,500 BPD, followed by North

Yemen (190,000 BPD).

Norway is also expected to continue with its policy of reducing production by 7.5 per cent from capacity.

OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto, in a comment to OPECNA today, said: "We welcome these developments as we believe that they bring the 518 OPEC oil price target all that closer."

Subroto, who has made the achievement of OPEC/non-OPEC co-operation his priority since taking over as secretary-general last year, said: "OPEC looks forward to continued positive dialogue with non-OPEC producers."

Subroto has also worked for an early ministerial OPEC/non-OPEC meeting. No final date or venue have so far been fixed. However, efforts are being made to settle these "details," the idea of the ministerial meeting having been already accepted in principle by all sides.

## KIO to receive a cheque for £2.4 billion from BP

By Jadranka Porter  
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THE Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) in London was to receive a cheque yesterday for £2.4 billion from British Petroleum, as part of a buyback arrangement which reduced the KIO's stake in BP to 9.9 per cent.

This, it is hoped, will lay to rest the BP episode which put a spoke into British-Kuwaiti relations.

Viscount Garmoye of S.G. Warburg and Co., one of Britain's largest investment banks, said it was a coincidence that the cheque was being handed over at the time the Prince and Princess of Wales were visiting Kuwait. Viscount Garmoye is among senior British financial experts who yesterday attended a seminar on British Invisible Exports held at the Central Bank of Kuwait.

British financiers appeared anxious to put the BP episode, behind them and look to the future.

"It was a series of misunderstandings. I hope that this matter is now behind us all," said Viscount Garmoye.

### Resolved

Sir George Blunden, deputy governor of the Bank of England, told the seminar that the matter had been resolved in a way satisfactory to all concerned.

"Let's now look forward instead of back," he appealed to the seminar participants.

The KIO, Kuwait's London-based overseas investment arm, built up a 21.6 per cent interest in BP when the public sell-off of a British government holding in BP flopped after the October 1987 world stock market crash. Britain ordered the KIO to slash its BP holding to less than 10 per cent within a year. BP subsequently struck a deal with the KIO agreeing to buy back 790 million shares. The arrangement left Kuwait with a handsome profit.

## Cyprus told to reschedule debts

NICOSIA, March 13, (Reuters): Iraq has asked Cyprus to reschedule debts which will reach \$22 million by the end of the year, the island's commerce and industry minister was quoted as saying yesterday.

On his return from a visit to Baghdad, Takis Nemitsas said Iraq's economic obligations were so large as to deprive it of purchasing power despite a ceasefire in the Gulf war since last August.

The Cyprus News Agency quoted Nemitsas as saying Iraqi officials proposed immediately repayment of \$8 million to Cyprus with the remainder spread over the next three years.

Cyprus agreed to reply to the offer within 30 days.

The minister said that while in Baghdad he discussed linking the debt with Iraqi oil exports to Cyprus but the proposal was rejected by Iraq's Finance Minister, Hikmat Omar Mukheith.

## Brothers linked to money laundering indicted

BERNE, March 13, (Reuters): Two Lebanese brothers suspected of involvement in the biggest money-laundering scheme in Switzerland's history have been indicted by a United States court, the US embassy said today.

A US district court in Los Angeles last week indicted Jean and Barkev Magharian on charges of conspiracy to launder money and to transport currency out of the United States without filing reports, an embassy statement said.

Prosecutors have described the brothers as middlemen in a billion-dollar operation to hide the origin of drugs proceeds. The two are being held in investigative custody in Switzerland while investigators probe what has become known as the "Lebanon connection".

The embassy statement said US officials were considering asking Switzerland to extradite the Magharians to face additional charges.

The public prosecutor in the canton of Ticino

has said the Magharians channelled more than two billion Swiss francs (\$1.3 billion) through Swiss banks and trading houses between 1985 and 1988. They knew at least some of the money stemmed from drug sales, including \$36 million they received from a cocaine dealer in California, the prosecutor has said.

The US indictment charges that drug dealers secretly sent money via couriers from the United States to the Magharians in Switzerland, where the brothers deposited the funds into bank accounts before transferring them to Panama.

Once deposited in the Panamanian bank accounts, the money was available for profit taking or further laundering by the narcotics traffickers," the statement said.

A Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman said legal authorities would have to review whether the Magharians could be extradited if the United States made such a request.

## Opposition demands Takeshita resign over scandal

TOKYO, March 13, (AP): Opposition parties today demanded that Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita resign after members of his governing Liberal Democratic Party admitted receiving money from the company at the centre of a stock scandal.

Three lawmakers said they received gifts of between 1 million and 4 million yen (\$8,000 to \$31,000) in July and August from Recruit Co., an information services conglomerate.

Japanese politics has been rocked since last summer by the scandal, in which recruit allegedly provided bargain-priced stocks in a subsidiary to about 150 politicians and business leaders in exchange for favours.

Japanese newspapers and television stations today quoted

an anonymous source with connections to Recruit as saying the company gave a total of 39 million yen (\$300,000) to 15 members of parliament, including a current cabinet member, shortly after opposition parties launched an investigation last summer into the scandal.

### Gifts

Opposition parties charged the gifts were hush money to lawmakers linked to recruit, and they demanded the Takeshita administration resign to take responsibility for the scandal.

The three Liberal Democratic lawmakers — vice secretary general Hajime Ishii, Masao Endo and Kenichiro Otsubo — said they returned the money. The names of the other Members of Parliament who reportedly received gifts of money were not

immediately known.

"It is outrageous if such money was received after the Recruit scandal surfaced," said Shun Ohide of the Japan Socialist Party, the largest opposition group. "We will intensify our pressure on Prime Minister Takeshita to either resign or dissolve parliament and call an election."

### Arrested

Government spokesman Keizo Obuchi said in response to the news reports, "we conducted a thorough investigation of all current cabinet ministers last year and understand that no one in the current administration was involved in such a deal since last summer. I would like to believe in the result of the probe."

Prosecutors have arrested 12 people on suspicion of giving or taking bribes or violating

securities laws in the scandal.

No politicians have been arrested, but disclosures of alleged influence buying have eroded public support for Takeshita's 16-month-old government. Polls indicate public disapproval ratings for Takeshita's administration have soared to about 60 per cent while his approval ratings have plunged to about 20 per cent.

Parliamentary debate on Japan's budget for next fiscal year remained stalled today over an opposition demand that former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone testify in parliament on his links to the scandal.

The opposition refused a proposal today from the Liberal Democrats that debate over the budget and scandal be handled separately.

## Canadian trade team for Kuwait

THE government of Canada has announced the visit of a Canadian trade delegation to Kuwait from March 16-19.

The delegation will be visiting several countries in the Gulf from March 16 to April 2, and Kuwait will be its first stop. The mission will be accompanied by a senior government official from the province of Ontario, Canada. The delegation is one of the largest ever to visit Kuwait from Canada, with a total of 12 companies being represented.

The business interests of individual delegation members are extensive in scope, ranging from specialised air/sea rescue equipment to electrical cables and cable stringing equipment, sod mats, security equipment, furniture, fire-extinguishers,

pharmaceutical production equipment, automotive spare parts and computer consulting. All companies were selected due to their products and/or services being rated as having high chances of success in the Gulf.

The visit is a follow-up to a highly successful mission from Ontario to Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates in October 1988. The purpose of this return visit is to demonstrate the commitments of these companies to expanding Canada's commercial relations with all countries in the Gulf. The mission will be promoting Canada's export capability to Kuwaiti business and exploring the potential for joint venture arrangements between companies in both countries.

## Soaring rates fail to halt British consumer boom

### Lawson played

LONDON, March 13, (Reuters): Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson digested an unwelcome rise in consumer spending today on the eve of an annual budget designed to restore the British government's shaken economic credibility.

Official figures showed a 2.5-per-cent increase in retail sales in February despite a regime of high interest rates imposed to choke a credit-led consumer shopping boom.

The rise in consumer spending, after a 2.4 per cent fall in January, gave fresh ammunition to critics of the chancellor's strategy of relying on interest rates to cool the economy.

Opposition Labour Party spokesman Bryan Gould

accused Lawson of a "monomaniacal obsession" with interest rates, adding: "No other chancellor can have stood... to deliver a budget knowing so little about the real state of the British economy."

Politicians and economists expect the budget, presented to Parliament today, to comprise a cautious packet of measures to bring down inflation and narrow a huge trade deficit.

The success or failure of Lawson's sixth budget could be critical to the government's future as it struggles to balance the economy and legislate a series of unpopular privatisations including water and electricity utilities.

Some Conservative support-

ters who credited Lawson with winning the 1987 election for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher fear his misjudgement of the economy since could cost her power at the next poll which is due by 1992.

The chancellor's reputation has plunged since the forecasts he made in his 1988 budget speech proved wildly wrong.

Inflation, projected at a rate of four per cent by the end of 1988, has hit 6.8 per cent and is still rising.

The trade deficit, predicted by Lawson to be £4 billion (\$6.9 billion) for the year, soared to a record £15 billion (\$26 billion).

Among the hardest hit are the millions of voters who own mortgaged property.

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NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ALLICE	8580	8570
ALC	126	126
AMER TS	432	433
ELECT	430	440
W.H.D	254	254
HND	405	405
KENT	88	88
NOLSON	119	119
WEST	32	32
ION	184	185
CK WKRC	185	185
COLL	136	138
IR B	291	291
LD	141	144
LDW	144	144
PART	76	77
ANCE	99	97
HER DAY	55	55
AL	44	45
TR TST	135	135
HLTH	518	519
ALTA TV	290	290
BACHAR	78	78
LEFARD	151	151
ELA	155	155
ELA	156	157
REE A	209	209
IT REED	288	290
TO SECS	286	286
HL PLC	93	93
ISCO	136	137
IS EUR	364	363
IN RUBB	639	640
LL LJP	240	240
LL SH	96	95
IR RE	215	215
CK RT	288	288
DDON GP	156	156
TR DEV	205	204
NES C	33	34
GROUP	194	189
RR JO	112	114
AM GP	164	165
HN SH	196	196
SHEN	51	52
246	246	246
ROSE	246	246
LOD NO	65	65
WKELEY	25	25
OF SCO	121	121
LE 2	102	102
	449	451
ETT +	390	390
SE MAS	302	303
INGTN	550	550
SHOP	540	556
HNH	458	458

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300	1192.4	1724.9	1714.1	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1192.4	1192.4	1192.4	1006.8
FT ALL SHR	1083.32	1083.32	1078.48	926.59
FT GVS	88.76	88.76	88.75	87.03
FT MINS	187.8	187.8	181.5	161.9
FT GOLD MNF	686.18	686.18	685.77	565.31
FT OIL	1944.6	1944.6	1955.5	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	142.04	142.24	143.07	139.21
FT MLD STG	122.76	122.75	123.32	115.30
FT MLD LOC	128.68	128.65	129.23	123.40

## Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES HIGHER, GLAXO UP AFTER RESULTS

LONDON, MARCH 13, REUTER - SHARES WERE TRADING AT THEIR HIGHS ON THE DAY IN AFTERNOON BUSINESS, RESPONDING TO A SHARP RISE ON WALL STREET. DEALERS SAID DEMAND AT THE START OF THE THREE-WEEK EASTER HOLIDAY ACCOUNT WAS BOOSTING PRICES.

BUT THEY NOTED VOLUME WAS RELATIVELY LIGHT AS INVESTORS AWAITED TOMORROW'S U.K. BUDGET STATEMENT. BY 1559 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 14.5 POINTS TO TODAY'S PEAK OF 2,099.7. GLAXO SHARES HAD ONE OF THE DAY'S LARGEST RISES IN THE FTSE, GAINING 39P TO 1,308. GLAXO HALF-YEAR PRETAX PROFITS ROSE 16 PCT TO 460 MLN STG BUT THE DIVIDEND ROSE 42.8 PCT TO 10P.

ANALYSTS SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM THE STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING GLAXO'S RESULTS WHETHER THE DIVIDEND RISE WAS TO REDUCE THE SHARE BUYBACK RATE OR INCREASE THE FINAL DIVIDENDS. IN THE PAST, GLAXO'S DIVIDEND PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN WEIGHED TOWARDS THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR, ANALYSTS SAID.

BY 1610 GMT THE FTSE 100 HAD RISEN FURTHER, KEEPING PACE WITH A SHARPLY HIGHER WALL STREET, TO BE 17.5 POINTS UP AT 2,102.7. THE LAST TIME THE FTSE WAS ABOVE 2,100 WAS IN EARLY FEBRUARY AT THE TAIL END OF THE NEW YEAR RALLY HERE.

THE INDEX HAS TESTED 2,100 RECENTLY BUT HAS NOT CROSSED ABOVE THAT LEVEL SINCE THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE OCTOBER 1987 CRASH.

## London Gold

LONDON, MARCH 13, REUTER - GOLD BULLION WAS FIXED SLIGHTLY LOWER THIS AFTERNOON IN QUIET TRADING, WITH THE MARKET'S INTEREST MORE IN SILVER, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD WAS SET AT 392.50 DLS COMPARED WITH ITS MORNING FIX OF 393.10 AND A FRIDAY CLOSE OF 392.75/393.25. "GOLD IS TRADING HAPPILY AT THESE LEVELS," ONE DEALER SAID, "ADDING RESISTANCE POINTS ARE AT 392.50 AND 393.00 DLS AN OUNCE, WHILE SUPPORT ON THE DOWNSIDE IS AT 392 AND 388."

SOME DEALERS SAID THE GOLD OUTLOOK IS STILL BEARISH, PRESSURED BY FUNDAMENTAL OVERSUPPLY, BUT OTHERS THOUGHT SENTIMENT MAY BE GRADUALLY TURNING FIRMER.

## London Money Market

LONDON, MARCH 13, REUTER - BRITISH INTEREST RATES STARTED THE WEEK UNCHANGED FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSING LEVELS IN WHAT BROKERS CALLED A MORIBUND MARKET.

THEY SAID STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY RETAIL SALES AND PRODUCER PRICES DUE AT 1130 GMT WERE UNLIKELY TO HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON THE MARKET, PAPER FOR CHANCELLOR NIGEL LAUSON'S BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW. "THE MARKET SEEMS LIKELY TO IGNORE MOST THINGS AHEAD OF TOMORROW," ONE DEALER SAID.

THE REUTER CONSENSUS OF ECONOMISTS' FORECAST EXPECTS RETAIL SALES TO BOUNCE BACK TO A 0.6 PCT MONTHLY INCREASE, IN LINE WITH UNDERLYING INFLATION, AFTER JANUARY'S FREEK 2.4 PCT FALL.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR -----	1.7170/80	1.8645/50	6.3160/90	DPG
STG 1.7200/10		3.2015/45	10.8450/8610	NOON
DMK 1.8600/8680	3.195/209		29.43/59	FIX
FFR 6.314/326	10.843/861	338.54/39.18		FIX
SFR 1.5915/5925	2.7366/7399	85.36/46	25.19/22	1300
HFL 2.7040	3.6150	112.84	33.30	FIX
EDU 1.11625	.649738	2.08181	7.05247	CLSE
SRI 1.31034	0.760499	2.43356	8.25973	CLSE
YEN 129.80/120	222.99/223.30			NOON
SOR RATE	10/03/1989	OTHERS	13/03/1989	

BORTHWICK	41/0	41/0	HICKS IN	242/0	242/0	SALE TILLY	221/0	222/0
BR ARROW	117/0	116/0	HIGGS HTL	392/0	390/0	SALVESEN	137/0	137/0
BR ASSETS	85/0	82/0	HMBRO CITY	60/0	60/0	SAVILLE G	51/0	51/0
BR DREDGE	169/0	169/0	HMBRD ZPT	245/0	245/0	SAVOY "A"	870/0	860/0
BR VITA	24/0	25/0	HNTR SPHR	164/0	163/0	SCHR. GLOB	274/0	274/0
BRENT CHE	135/0	152/0	HOLMES PR	114/0	114/0	SCOT HRE	181/0	181/0
BRENT WKR	354/0	353/0	HOLDEN GP	160/0	161/0	SCOT J.T.	147/0	147/0
BRIDON	200/0	200/0	HOPKINSON	91/0	95/0	SCOT MFT	164/0	165/0
BRITAIN SE	206/0	206/0	HTV GROUP	124/0	125/0	SCOT MORT	124/0	125/0
BRITANNIC	382/0	385/0	ICE. F.Z. PD	339/0	338/0	SCOT AM.J	102/0	103/0
BRIXTON E	400/0	401/0	IMRY N.D.V	435/0	435/0	SCOT NAT	46/0	46/0
BRN & JAC	39/0	45/0	INDOPMT	15/0	14/0	SCT NAT I	95/0	95/0
BROWN SHI	349/0	348/0	INOCO PLC	34/0	34/0	SCT NAT W	13/0	13/0
BRYANT GP	127/0	128/0	INT. BU. CH	130/0	131/0	SECS ST	125/0	124/4
BSE INTL	84/0	84/0	INT. CITY	85/0	86/0	SELCTV 1P	16/4	16/4
BUDGENS	119/0	119/0	JHNS&MFR	55/2	55/0	SENA GRP	285/0	285/0
BULLOUGH	525/0	528/0	JOH DLGDS	147/0	148/0	SHANDWICK	538/0	535/0
BULMER HP	178/0	180/0	KALANAZOO	45/0	45/0	SHERATON S	81/0	81/0
CAIRO GRP	442/0	443/0	KALON GRP	36/4	36/4	SHIRE INV	250/4	247/0
CALENDONIA	384/0	382/0	KELT ENGY	58/0	58/0	SIMON ENG	357/0	357/0
CAMB ELEC	251/0	251/0	KETSON	40/0	40/0	SINGER&FR	69/0	70/0
CAMPFORD E	239/0	240/0	KLURT CHR	142/4	143/0	SMITH D	325/0	326/0
CANNING W	255/0	255/0	KLURT O'S	149/0	148/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
CANNON ST	290/0	289/0	KLURT SRL	174/0	174/0	SPRING RAN	210/0	211/0
CAP. RADIO	707/0	705/0	KWIK SAVE	429/0	430/0	SPRX-SARC	261/0	260/0
CARADON	384/0	384/0	KWIK-FIT	112/4	113/0	ST. ANDREW	211/0	209/0
CARLETON	154/0	153/0	LAING 'A'	350/0	351/0	ST. MOOEN	40/0	40/0
CATTLE HD	70/0	70/0	LAING ORD	350/0	351/0	STAKIS	111/0	112/0
CAULDON	12/6	13/0	LAING PRP	506/0	507/0	STEETLEY	419/0	419/0
CENTL TVT	775/0	778/0	LAIRD GRP	266/0	266/0	STEND PR	204/0	204/0
CHAM PHRR	218/0	220/0	LAURINCE W	146/0	146/0	STODDARD	54/0	54/0
CHARTERHA	22/6	22/6	LDN & MET	182/0	183/0	STORGWART	21/4	21/4
CHAS CHUR	106/0	106/0	LDN ATLAN	299/0	302/0	STURGE HD	259/0	258/0
CHILDESIDE	59/0	59/0	LDN INTL	224/0	224/0	T.I.L.P.EU	260/0	205/0
CHILTONS	804/0	805/0	LDN INTD	130/0	130/0	TELEMETR	35/0	35/0
CI GROUP	52/0	53/0	LDN LEGDIN	134/0	137/0	TELEPR	22/0	24/0
CNTRL SEC	68/0	68/0	LDN LEX	183/0	184/0	THAKES TV	493/0	492/0
CNTRY OIL	186/0	186/0	LFX SERVC	376/0	361/0	THOMSON T	89/0	90/0
COALITE	421/0	413/0	LIFE SCIE	65/0	65/0	THORNTONS	142/0	142/0
COATES BR	326/0	325/0	LILLEY FJ	65/4	66/0	THROGHTN	146/0	146/0
COLLINS A	731/0	730/0	LLLOYD THP	209/0	210/0	TI GROUP	452/0	443/0
COLLINS W	880/0	880/0	LOGICA	401/0	402/0	TIE RACK	88/0	89/0
COLROLL	160/0	160/0	LOVELL HD	272/0	272/0	TIME PROD	231/0	232/0
COMPAS GR	361/0	357/0	LOW (WM)	289/0	290/0	TIPOOK	538/0	539/0
CONNELLS	272/0	272/0	LOWBONNER	267/0	268/0	TOKMINS F	252/0	252/0
COOPER F	178/0	178/0	M&G GROUP	315/0	314/0	TOOTAL	134/0	134/0
COSTAIN	344/0	344/0	M.C. PACIF	216/0	216/0	TOZER K&M	112/4	109/0
COURTS FR	186/0	185/0	M&CARTHY	265/0	264/0	TR CITY	90/0	89/4
COMIE (T)	138/0	133/0	M&CARFLEE	214/0	213/0	TR PACIFIC	66/0	66/0
CRH	162/0	163/0	MAT	90/0	91/0	TR PROPY	57/4	58/0
CRAIG INT	208/0	208/0	MAJEDIE	249/0	249/0	TR. TRSTEE	146/0	146/0
CRYSTAL	263/0	264/0	MANDERS	235/0	235/0	TRICORD	47/4	47/4
CTRY PROP	198/0	198/0	MARLEY ST	186/0	195/0	TRIDPL	186/0	187/0
DARES EST	33/4	32/2	MARQUEUS	84/0	85/0	TRITON ER	149/0	148/0
DAVIS GDO	177/0	178/0	MAUNDERS	111/0	111/0	TRSPRT DV	262/0	263/0
DAYV CORP	238/0	239/0	MECKECHNIE	341/0	340/0	TV SW KLD	80/0	80/0
DAMSON GP	197/0	196/0	NEMEC	247/0	246/0	TVS ENT	345/0	347/0
DELTA GRP	345/0	345/0	NEMZIES	339/0	339/0	U-BORLAND	88/0	89/0
DEVENISH	346/0	348/0	MERCH. TST	184/4	184/0	U-BRD ST	40/4	41/0
DEWIMST	43/4	45/0	MERLIN IN	137/0	136/0	U-BROADUL	183/0	183/0
DIPLOMA	244/0	245/0	METAL CLS	210/0	211/0	U-CIFER	12/0	12/0
DOBSON PK	102/4	103/0	METALRAX	90/0	90/0	U-CITYTVN	149/0	149/0
DOUDINGEM	75/0	75/0	MEYER INT	464/0	463/0	U-DEANB&N	172/0	173/0
DOUPT GRP	267/0	267/0	MIDSUMMER	245/0	245/0	U-DEWEY W	120/0	120/0
DRAYTON C	535/0	533/0	ML HDGSSS	132/0	131/0	U-DURHAM	57/0	58/0
DRG	477/0	476/0	MNL CHLT	185/0	185/0	U-EXPLAUR	42/4	42/4
DRUKEMIST	71/0	72/0	MOLINS CR	239/0	239/0	U-FIELDS	27/0	26/0
DUNNELL	321/0	352/0	MONKS IT	257/0	257/0	U-FLOYD E	17/0	17/0
DUNHILL	13/0	13/0	MORGAN CR	288/0	289/0	U-FLOYD SEL	11/0	11/0
EAGLE ST	16/6	15/4	MORAND	268/0	205/0	U-H-M	228/0	265/0
EDIN I.T	187/0	186/4	MORTALEIG	156/0	156/0	U-HIGH. HT	159/0	158/0
EDMOND HD	43/0	43/0	MOWLEN J	444/0	450/0	U-HUGHES	48/4	50/0
ELECTRA	270/0	271/0	MRRY INCH	208/4	208/4	U-ISRAEL	23/0	22/4
ELECTROCM	215/0	216/0	MRRY INTL	214/0	210/0	U-KLINICK	57/0	57/0
ENAP	252/0	253/0	MS INTL	144/0	145/0	U-LDN FRF	179/0	180/0
EMPIRE ST	213/0	213/0	N.BRIT CA	405/0	408/0	U-MICROWT	44/0	43/0
ERA GROUP	59/0	60/0	NEAT.TELCN	130/0	130/0	U-MOLINAR	31/0	31/0
EURO.HOME	263/0	261/0	NEWARTHILL	920/0	920/0	U-MONNAT	25/2	25/2
EUROTHERM	473/0	473/0	NORCROSS	345/0	343/0	U-MRRYDYN	380/0	380/0
EURNLT UN	808/0	808/0	NORFOLK C	35/0	35/4	U-N. SEAB&G	49/0	50/0
EURNLT UN	71/0	71/0	NORMANS	63/4	63/0	U-PAVION	5/4	5/2
EVODE GRP	196/0	194/0	NORTHAMBR	269/0	268/0	U-RDNSTWTH	260/0	260/0
EXPANET	195/0	189/0	NSM PLC	86/0	86/0	U-S&C INT.	119/0	118/0
EXEGET N	189/0	189/0	NORDMAPCO	181/0	181/0	U-STN BUS	468/0	467/0
F&C ENTER	32/0	32/0	OCEAN IT	210/0	211/0	U-STNHOPE	231/0	231/0
F&C EUROPT	252/0	252/0	OCEAN TPT	302/0	302/0	U-T.V. AM	205/0	207/0
F&C PACIF	160/0	160/0	OCEONIC	17/0	18/0	U-T.V. AM	215/0	132/0
F&C SMLLR	80/0	80/0	OSSORY EST	22/0	22/0	U-TRNWOOD	33/0	33/4
FARNELL E	165/0	166/0	OWNERS AB	84/0	31/0	U-UTC GRP	216/0	216/0
FED. HOUSN	269/0	270/0	OXFORD INS	226/0	225/0	U-WMS LIT	41/0	41/0
FENNER JH	187/0	187/0	P & O WTS	114/0	115/0	UNION DIS	489/0	493/0
FERGUSON	276/0	276/0	P & P PLC	217/0	218/0	UNITECH	280/0	280/0
FINLAN GP	88/0	88/0	PACIFIC A	180/0	180/0	UTD. BIC W	177/0	176/0
FRNDLY HD	289/0	287/0	PAGE (M)	48/0	48/0	UTD. INDUS	67/0	66/0
FRONKORE	508/0	507/0	PENTOS PLC	99/0	98/0	UTD. SCENI	190/0	190/0
GALLIFORD	95/0	95/0	PERGAMON	79/0	80/0	VALUES&NC	60/0	60/0
GARDINER	52/0	51/0	PERRY GRP	222/0	221/0	VAUX GRP	325/0	326/0
GEEST	267/0	266/0	PERSIMMON	182/0	178/0	VERSON	28/0	28/0
GET INTL	128/0	129/0	PHOENIX	89/0	88/0	VG INSTNT	283/0	283/0
GERRODMAN	267/0	285/0	PICKMCKT	219/0	217/0	VICKERS	187/0	187/0
GETSWESTER	268/0	267/0	POWELL DU	381/0	381/0	VPI GROUP	206/0	206/0
GOODE DUR	125/0	125/0	PRESTWICH	112/0	122/0	WAGDON HNGT	217/0	218/0
GRAMP	43/0	42/0	FRIEST (B)	291/0	22/6	WAGDON HNG	368/0	372/0
GRNPH	335/0	336/0	ROCKFORD	145/0	145/0	WAGN WILDS	151/0	152/0
GREEN KMG	618/0	615/0	ROCKFORD	203/0	202/0	WAGN WILDS	426/0	426/0
GREENLL W	137/0	327/0	PROUDFOOT	287/0	288/0	WATERFO D	77/0	77/0
GREYCAT V	478/0	479/0	PROV FINL	315/0	314/0	WATERFO D	79/0	79/0
GRMPTV A	71/0	70/0	RAINE IND	107/0	108/0	WATES CTY	194/0	195/0
GT PRYTLND	405/0	406/0	RANSONES	460/0	453/0	WATES B&B	366/0	363/0
GUINNESS MA	128/0	128/0	RATNERS	205/0	206/0	WCRS GRP	264/0	265/0
GVS ORD	605/0	600/0	RECHAM EV	457/0	459/0	WEIR GRP	301/0	300/0
GUTT ORIE	60/4	364/0	REFUGE GP	477/0	471/0	WEMBLEY	127/0	127/0
GUTT STRA	254/0	255/0	REGALON	142/0	142/0	WESTBURY	270/0	270/0
H&ND DIS	172/0	173/0	REGNTRCST	80/0	80/0	WESTLAND	150/0	150/0
NALNA	222/0	222/0	RENOLD	85/4	85/0	WHITWAY	116/0	116/0
HAMBROS I	251/0	252/0	RENTOKIL	267/0	268/0	WHEATCR	311/0	311/0
HAMBROSD	863/0	866/0	ROBINSON	460/0	454/0	WILSON BOB	263/0	263/0
HAUTHE LE	60/0	60/0	ROCKFORT	103/0	103/0	WILSON CON	190/0	190/0
HEATHCOTE	254/0	256/0	ROCKFORD	74/0	74/0	WOLSELEY	314/0	314/0
HEATHCOTE	468/0	469/0	ROTHWELD	194/0	194/0	WOLSELEY	426/0	426/0
HELENE PL	33/4	34/0	ROTHWELD	162/0	162/0	WPP GRP	713/0	713/0
HELICAL B	305/0	305/0	RUGBY GRP	183/0	183/0	WST MOTOR	666/0	666/0
HEWORTH	287/0	286/0	RYLAND T	45/0	45/0	YALE&VALO	359/0	359/0
HESTARIT	293/0	293/0	RYAN INTL	139/0	138/0	YOUNG (CH)	338/0	338/0
HEYWOOD W	304/0	298/0	SATY GRP	279/0	280/0	YOUNG (H)	162/0	163/0

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A BSCH COM	33/33	GEN MILLS	31/0 31/0
ATLANTIC R	89/2 89/5	GEN MOTORS	84/7 84/7
AAR CORP	27/5 27/5	GEN SIGNAL	50/1 50/0
ABBOTT LAB	52/1 52/0	GENCORP	17/1 17/1
ACHE CLVLD	10/6 10/5	GENETECH	19/6 19/4
AUD MICRO	8/5 8/5	GENUINE PA	37/3 37/1
AEROFL LAB	5/3 5/3	GO PWT-80	0 77/2
AEUNA LIFE	49/6 49/6	GEORGI-PAC	42/3 42/3
AMHANSON	16/5 16/5	GIBR FI CL	11 12
AIR PR-CHM	44/1 44/0	GLOBAL MAR	0 06
ALASKA AIR	25/3 25/3	GOLDEN NUG	18/7 18/7
ALBERTSONS	39/6 39/7	GOODRICH	53/4 53/0
ALOMA 8-16	0 80/2	GOODYEAR	48/1 48/1
ALCAN ALUM	32/2 32/0	GRACE WR	28/7 28/4
ALCO STAND	26/0 25/7	GRAINGER	54/1 54/0
AM CAP SEC	21/4 21/4	GREYHOUND	29/4 29/4
AM CYANIDE	49/0 49/1	GRUMMAN	21/3 21/4
AM FAMILY	15/7 15/6	GULF RES-C	0 11/6
AM GEN PRO	85/5 85/4	GULF-WESTN	46/1 46/1
AM STANDARD	0 77/7	HILLBURN	30/4 30/3
AM STORES	57/4 57/3	HALLWOOD	15/0 15/0
AM TEL-TEL	30/6 30/4	HANNA MIN	23/6 23/5
AMOCO CORP	80/4 80/4	HARRIS CP	27/4 27/4
AMP INC	44/5 44/5	HARTMARX	26/2 26/2
AMPO PITT	14/5 14/5	HEINZ HJ	48/5 48/6
AMR CORP	61/2 61/0	HEL CURTIS	50/5 50/6
AMR GEN CO	33/7 34/0	HELM-PAYNE	24/2 24/5
AMRADRA HE	36/4 36/4	HERCULES	46/4 46/5
ANTHEM ELE	9/4 9/4	HEWL-PACK	53/7 53/7
APACHE CP	8/6 8/6	HIXCEL CP	34/4 35/0
APPAL 8-12	0 82/0	HILLENBRND	27/0 26/6
ARMSTRONG	36/7 37/0	HILLENBRND	35/3 35/5
ASHLIND OIL	38/7 38/7	HILTH HTLS	50/4 50/4
ASIA PACIFIC	8/6 8/6	HITACHI	121/2 122/0
ATLCS CORP	29/6 29/6	HWSTAKE	14/4 14/4
AVERY INT	22/6 22/7	HNDY-HARMN	20/0 20/1
AWNET INC	22/5 22/5	HOLIDAY C	30/4 30/4
AVON PRODS	23/0 22/7	HONE DEPOT	35/3 34/6
BCE INC	30/6 30/6	HOMEPF CP	32/0 32/1
BELLSOUTH	41/4 41/4	HONDA MOTOR	149/6 149/6
BELLO CP A	26/0 25/6	HONEYWELL	63/3 63/2
BETH STEEL	25/1 24/7	HOUGHTON H	47/1 47/2
BEVERLY	8/7 9/0	HOUSTON IN	27/3 27/1
BNK BOSTON	24/7 24/6	HUGHES SUB	18/3 18/3
BNK BSN-A	0 39/3	HUGHES INC	28/2 28/2
BNK N-YORK	43/0 43/1	IBM	118/1 118/2
BNK N-HY	38/7 38/3	ICM PHARM	6/7 6/6
BNKAMERICA	20/1 20/0	ILL PWR CO	17/0 17/1
BNIKAM SPEC	6/3 6/4	ILLIN 4-08	0 18/6
BOEING CO	66/6 66/4	INDIA GROW	9/2 9/1
BOISE CASCE	42/1 42/0	INGERSLL-R	38/5 38/7
BND IN GLD	7/5 7/5	JEFF PILOT	34/2 33/5
BORDEN	57/4 57/6	JER PW 8-5	0 80/0
BOJATER	27/3 27/5	JOHNSON CON	35/5 35/5
BR TELECOM	49/3 49/1	JOHNSN-JNS	87/5 87/3
BRIGGS-STR	28/0 27/7	K MART CP	39/7 39/6
BRIST-MYER	45/7 45/5	KAN CI P-L	28/5 28/3
BRUNSWICK	17/1 17/0	KELLOWOOD	28/3 28/2
C 3 INC	10/7 10/6	KERR MCGEE	41/4 41/2
C HUD G-EL	21/2 21/2	KEYSTONE	19/4 19/5
CABOT CORP	43/6 43/4	KIMB-CLARK	60/6 60/7
CAESARS WO	31/7 31/6	KLN R D AI	0 21/0
CAS FREIGHT	24/3 24/3	KN RIO MDS	45/6 45/4
CAS NAT GS	14/5 14/4	KROGER CP	10/2 10/2
CAST-COOKIE	26/2 26/1	LEA RONAL	17/0 16/6
DANAPART TR	58/1 58/2	LEMAN	12/1 12/1
DBI IND	27/6 27/6	LEWIS	20/5 20/7
CBS	17/12 17/14	LINCOLN NA	49/0 48/7
CENTEL CP	67/4 67/7	LITTON IND	77/2 77/2
CHAMP INTL	31/7 31/7	LOCKHEED	48/4 48/1
CHAMP SPA	21/3 21/4	LOCITTE CP	36/5 36/4
CHARTER CO	5/2 5/2	LOEMS CORP	85/0 85/0
CHASE BAN	30/3 32/7	LON-NETTLE	0 30/5
CHENCO INC	33/6 33/3	LONE STAR	31/4 31/2
CHEMIC HMK	30/6 30/6	LOWES	25/2 25/1
CHEVRON	52/0 51/7	LTD INC	29/5 29/6
CHRYSLER	25/5 25/5	LTV CORP	2/2 2/2
CHUBB CORP	66/0 66/3	LTV 1-25	0 2/7
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CLOBOX	32/2 32/1	MA COM INC	8/0 8/0
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CMPELL SP	32/1 32/3	MANU HANOV	32/5 32/0
CON PACIFIC	19/4 19/4	MANVILLE	0 26/6
COACHMEN	0 9/3	MARRIOTT	30/1 30/0
COASTAL	35/1 34/7	MASCO CORP	25/5 25/7
COCA-COLA	49/0 48/6	MATSU ELEC	180/0 181/6
COLECO	1/1 1/1	MATEL INC	10/4 10/4
COLSON CO	55/1 55/1	MCCORP INC	55/5 55/1
COLL-PALUM	44/1 44/1	MCDONALDS	50/5 50/5
COLSON GAS	37/0 35/0	MCDONNELL	89/6 89/6
COLUMBUS-C	0 112/4	MCGRAW-HIL	66/7 66/5
CON EDISON	33/1 33/1	MEAD	38/1 38/2
CONAGRA	42/2 42/2	MERCK - CO	64/5 64/1
CON EDISON	44/6 44/6	MEREDITH	31/4 31/5
CONTINENTAL	32/0 32/0	MERRILL LY	28/5 28/4
CONTL ILLN	*02 *02	MESA OFFSH	1/5 1/5
CONTEL CP	50/3 50/2	MOBIL PETL	48/7 48/5
CONTR DATA	21/3 21/4	MOBILE INC	52/3 52/4
COOPER T-R	26/1 26/0	MONTANA P	35/2 35/3
COOPER COM	4/3 4/3	MORGAN JP	35/0 35/2
		MORT THIO	44/0 44/0

## Dow Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,307.86	+ 25.72	2,308.04	2,283.04
TRANS	1,066.95	+ 2.75	1,067.11	1,063.39
UTILS	183.38	+ 1.01	185.38	182.25
STOCKS	877.41	+ 6.64	877.44	870.69
NYSE COMP	166.21	+ 1.36		
S-P COMPOSITE	292.80	+ 2.92		
NYSE INDEX	201.47	+ 1.77		
AMEX INDEX	420.94	+ 1.02		
NASD COMP	406.61	+ 0.71		
NASD BANKING	458.73	- 1.49		
NASD FIN'L	484.49	- 0.20		
NASD INDS	399.96	+ 1.05		
S-P 100 INDEX	280.13	+ 3.15		

### Wall Street Statistics \*Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
ATT	31 1/4	+	3/4	ATLAS CL B	2 1/8		UNCH
BOEING	67 1/8	+	5/8	INTL TEL	10 3/8	+	1/2
CARO PUR	39 1/8	+	1/4	AMDAHL CP	17 3/4		UNCH
HOSP CORP	49 1/8	-	1/8	FUR VAULT	2 1/2	-	1/8
PHILIP MOR	118	+	2 1/2	HOME SHOP	6	+	1/4
GEN ELEC	45 1/8	+	1/8	TEXAS AIR	12 7/8	-	1/8
AMER EXPR	30		UNCH	KEYSTONE	1 7/8	+	1/4
GRACE W.R.	29	+	1/4	ENERGY SVC	3 1/8	+	1/8
UPJOHN	30	+	3/4	PH MOR SCO	38 7/8	+	2 1/2
AMERAD HES	36 3/4	+	3/8	EMPIR AMER	1 1/2	+	1/8
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
HORIZON	2 1/4	+	3/8	ENZO BLOCH	3 1/2	+	1/4
GEN ROUSE	13 7/8	+		KILLEARN	7 1/2	+	1/2
BARRY WRIT	5 1/8	+	3/8	PH MOR SCO	38 7/8	+	2 1/2
FISHBACH C	15	-	1 3/4	GALACTIC R	3 7/8	-	27 1/8
GOLDOME	2 1/8	-	1/8	MICRON PRO	2 1/4	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	34,656,530			AMEX VOLUME	2,537,640		
STOCKS UP	747			STOCKS UP	161		
STOCKS DOWN	364			STOCKS DOWN	148		
10-MAR NASDAQ VOLUME	133,369,400						
STOCKS UP 1063 DOWN	934						
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE							

## Wall Street Market Report

NEW YORK, March 13, (Reuter): Wall Street stocks continued to gain amid waves of futures-related programme buying, Chicago and New York brokers said. A strong dollar and gains in US stocks opened up a wide premium in futures over stocks, leading to the waves of buying, traders added.

- The Dow 30 was up 26 at 2308. Gainers led declining issues by more than two-to-one. Philip Morris, one of the Dow 30, was active and up 2-3/4 to 118-1/4. A Shearson analyst reiterated a buy recommendation on Philip Morris, traders said.

## Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRIA	287.1	287.0	288.2	259.3
AUSTRIA	259.1	259.9	259.7	215.4
BELGIUM	442.0	443.5	448.0	260.2
CANADA	391.7	393.1	392.5	350.7
DENMARK	590.3	590.1	591.7	336.6
FRANCE	453.7	456.3	455.1	288.5
GERMANY	27.7	207.0	206.6	156.6
HONG KONG	2289.5	2297.9	2302.7	1644.3
FINLAND	125.8	126.2	126.9	108.1
ITALY	451.5	449.9	450.6	377.4
JAPAN	1440.1	1437.1	1451.0	1022.3
NETHERLMS	289.0	289.4	289.0	215.9
NEW ZEAL	94.8	95.2	95.4	98.9
NORWAY	719.9	728.4	725.4	392.4
SPORE	673.1	672.2	666.8	473.1
SPAIN	240.0	238.6	237.3	209.5
SWEDEN	1223.0	1222.7	1221.5	960.4
SWITZ	183.7	183.8	183.0	140.7
U.K.	634.8	632.3	634.2	551.2
U.S.A.	269.3	270.2	270.4	229.4
WORLD	501.9	503.1	506.2	408.0
E.A.F.E.	957.3	959.2	967.8	757.5

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## Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28402	0.29017
Sterling	0.49660	0.49890
Dm.	0.15505	0.15580
S. fr.	0.18160	0.18245
F. fr.	0.04570	0.04625
Lt. lira	0.0002110	0.0002155
Japan	0.0022300	0.0022410
Bh. dinar	0.76660	0.76990
UAE Dh.	0.07865	0.07905
S. riyal	0.07705	0.07740
Qat. riyal	0.07935	0.07975
O. riyal	0.75070	0.75390

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## Pace of Malaysia's economic growth slows

KUALA LUMPUR, March 13. (KUNA): Malaysia's economic expansion slowed down in the third quarter of last year, with the gross domestic product (GDP) growing 8.5 per cent from a peak of 10.5 per cent in the previous quarter.

Bank Negara (the Central Bank), in its latest quarterly bulletin released last week, said economic activity was sustained mainly by continued favourable output performance in all sectors of the economy.

### Impetus

The manufacturing sector was the main impetus to growth while the agriculture and mining sectors also grew at satisfactory rates.

It added in response to higher external demand and domestic sales, manufacturing output rose 14.1 per cent against 19.5 per cent in the previous quarter.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), convinced that palm oil is a "sound and healthy" edible oil, is solidly behind Malaysia in promoting the use of palm oil in the Islamic world, it was reported here today.

The report quoted IDB's head of foreign trade financing, Dr Nour Ali, as saying that there is a vast potential for Malaysia's palm oil in Islamic countries which are currently dominated by other types of edible oils.

### Markets

Dr Ali, who is here for a palm oil familiarisation course, said Malaysia should work on getting its fair share in these markets.

He added the management of the IDB is keen to participate in the promotion of the trade among Islamic countries.

The report said Malaysia's palm oil exports to the world amounted to 4.35 million tonnes in 1988.

About 1.4 million tonnes — or one third of this volume — was exported to Muslim countries such as Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Pakistan and Bangladesh, making the Islamic world an important and growing market, the report added.

## EEC ministers discuss fraud

BRUSSELS, March 13. (Reuters): European Economic Community finance ministers met today to discuss how to fight massive fraud against the EEC budget and prepare for International Monetary Meetings in Washington next month.

An all-party committee of Britain's House of Lords estimated in a report published on Friday that fraud was costing the EEC up to £6 billion (\$10.3 billion) a year. That is more than a fifth of this year's \$50 billion budget.

Experts blame much of the problem on lax controls by the 12 EEC governments, who are responsible for checking community subsidies to agricultural exporters in their countries. Most of the fraud perpetrated is in the farm sector.

## Orient Express may use new fuels

ROLLA, Missouri, March 13. (UPI): Research on new aircraft fuels that could be used for the National Aerospace Plane, also known as "The Orient Express", is being conducted at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The Orient Express is being designed to take off from a conventional runway, go through the different speed ranges, accelerate to several times the speed of sound, then leave the atmosphere and cruise in outer space, said K.M. Isaac, assistant professor of Aerospace engineering at the university.

"The purpose of The Orient Express will be to transport passengers over long distances in short periods of time," said Isaac, who is working with researchers at the NASA Langley Research Centre in Hampton, Virginia to help develop the Aerospace plane.

Isaac said designing an engine for the plane is a challenging task because unlike the space shuttle, which is powered by rocket engines, the Aerospace plane will use a jet engine.

"The engine being designed for the Aerospace Plane is called the Scramjet," Isaac said. "This new engine concept uses the special nature of flight at speeds greater than the speed of sound."

"The shock waves, which are the sonic booms heard when a high-speed aircraft flies overhead, can be harnessed to compress the air entering the engine, just like the compressor in a turbojet engine," he explained.

The advantage of the Scramjet engine is that it requires no complicated turbomachinery, such as compressors and turbines, Isaac said.

"Because the air flow inside the Scramjet is faster than the speed of sound, conventional jet engine fuels are not appropriate," he said. "A fuel that is suitable is hydrogen, which is fast-burning, and the combustion of which produces few undesirable byproducts to pollute the atmosphere."

Researchers at the NASA Langley Research Centre are investigating the process of burning hydrogen in air.

At Rolla, Isaac and Y.H. Ho, a graduate student, are studying the blowoff and reignition of the hydrogen flame under various conditions.

Research for the Aerospace Plane, which will be used for both civilian and military purposes, is being funded by the US Air Force.

## Venezuela unveils new floating rate

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 13. (AP): The Venezuelan government officially decreed last evening a floating rate for the national currency, the bolivar, at the same time handing down its final decision on the payment of \$6 billion in letters of credit.

The announcement was made by Finance Minister Eglee Turbe at the end of a nine-hour cabinet meeting. Although she did not specify any date, government sources said the decrees would go into effect today.

The 14.50 preferential rate for the US dollar was officially eliminated, and the Venezuelan Central Bank (BCV) will sell dollars according to the market, she said.

The state oil monopoly Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) and the Venezuelan

Investment Fund will continue to sell their dollars to the BCV, while other government agencies will do so on the free market.

The end of the preferential rate and other measures were announced Feb. 16 by Social Democratic President Carlos Andres Perez as part of an economic adjustment programme approved by the International Monetary Fund to rescue the economy from a deep recession.

Letters of credit amounting to \$6 billion, granted to the private sector for imports, will be repaid according to a sliding scale. The government will sell dollars at the 14.50 rate for payment of letters of credit granted before May 1988, while those granted later will have to pay at least part at the free market rate.

## Export growth likely to slow

BANGKOK, March 13. (Reuters): Asian nations are likely to see their hectic export expansion slow this year due to weaker world economic growth, a United Nations report said.

"In most (Asian) countries, export expansion slowed down in the latter part of 1988 and this deceleration was expected to continue in 1989 and into 1990," the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific said.

In its 1988 survey, released at the weekend, the Bangkok-based body said rapid growth in Japan-

ese demand and expanding trade among developing Asian economies boosted the region's exports last year.

China, Hong Kong, Pakistan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand all saw the value of their exports rise by around 20 per cent or faster last year, the survey said.

However, it said export growth in the region would be reduced this year by the expected slowdown of the world economy and various factors in specific Asian economies.

Despite advances

## Robots far from potential

PITTSBURGH, March 13. (AP): Scientists in the 1950s proclaimed the robot wave of the future. It would free housewives of drudgery and fill factories with a tireless work force. But in many ways, the wave has been a washout.

Robots can paint cars, salvage nuclear fuel and even assist in brain surgery, but they're still pretty dumb.

"Robots now are significantly better than 30 years ago, but that doesn't necessarily mean we are anywhere close to an R2-D2 or C-3PO (the robot characters in the movie 'Star Wars')." says Raj Reddy, director of the Robotics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University.

Experts say automating a factory is more complicated than just buying a robot and putting it on the assembly line. In addition, some industrial robots are too complicated and prone to failure and, when they do work, they don't always fit in with factory operations.

### Automakers

Japan is the world's leading robot user, followed by the United States, West Germany and France. Robotics Industries Association spokesman Jeffrey A. Burnstein says about 33,000 robots work in the United States, mostly in manufacturing, with automakers buying at least 40 per cent.

"It's not a revolution. It's an evolution," Burnstein says. "Robots are another new, productive technology in the same way that computers were."

Reddy says robots are dumb "because we haven't taken the trouble to put the pieces together, not because we don't know how. That takes money and time and effort, and we don't have the money."

But today's robots can:

See. They don't see like humans, but they can recognise forms and shapes and measure distances through sonar, ranging devices and lasers.

Hear and speak. They use computers that recognise thousands of words.

Smell. Their sensors can detect smoke or fumes.

Move. They most often roll on wheels, but some models hop on one leg. Others walk with as many as eight legs, ambulating like a spider on uneven terrain.

A challenging task

## New gold market to help stimulate Turkish economy

ISTANBUL, March 13. (Reuters): Under the dimly lit dome at Istanbul's 500-year-old covered bazaar, a motley group of men play an ancient trade that's literally worth its weight in gold.

"I have fresh quarters, am selling — any buyers?" shouts a shabbily dressed dealer. The bidding that follows for whole or quarter gold coins is desultory but closely followed.

Sometimes several kilogrammes (pounds) of the metal goes on sale at one time.

Despite their appearance and the caches of gold hidden in old tobacco tins, the traders in the bazaar's grimy alleyways are sharp enough to fix prices for trading all over Turkey.

They often deal in futures contracts based on nothing but good faith.

But the era of trading through teen-age shop runners, carrying billions of Turkish liras in bat-

tered suitcases or nylon sports bags, is already fading away with advent of a Central Bank-regulated Turkish gold market in March.

There are now few gold traders to be found in bazaars where 60 men used to gather at peak periods to trade up to 400 kg (880 pounds) or just over 14,000 ounces of gold a day. Gold was trading in Europe in the second week at around \$390 an ounce.

The new gold market is aimed at halting smuggling, to help support the Turkish economy and to place Turkey on the map as a Middle East centre for the metal.

Under the reforms gold will be sold in lots of more than five kg (11 pounds or 80 ounces) to banks and authorised foreign exchange dealers through Central Bank branches.

The Central Bank will try to be a blind broker as domestic traders buy gold through it with

foreign exchange from international markets or other Turkish suppliers.

The traders can then sell back to the market for foreign currency or to domestic users such as jewellers.

"Central banks should not work directly with the public. We will teach this business to the banks," said Yaman Toruner, the Central Bank's head of money markets and funds department.

The bank's gold imports would be transferred direct to the market without a profit margin.

The fall in gold prices and other market forces has narrowed the gap between the world price of gold and the Turkish one.

"The gap has already fallen to \$100. It used to go as high as \$400, which went to the smugglers," said Ali Hosgor, a top gold and currency dealer at the

bazaar. Most of the gold smuggled into Turkey comes over the Bulgarian border in buses, cars and even speedboats.

Last year, say economists, 70 tonnes of gold was smuggled into the country.

But with the reforms smugglers will find their hazardous profession harder to pursue and some are already creeping into other businesses.

Smuggling has become even less attractive as Turkey's demand for gold dipped with economic austerity and more profitable rates became available on deposit accounts.

"Some smugglers are even buying foreign exchange offices to start playing the game by Central Bank rules," said a prominent market trader, who asked not to be named.

The new exchange offices are also likely to employ well-honed

trading skills of the bazaar boys, and screen-based trading has already penetrated old bazaar shops.

Turkish villagers will be able to convert their traditional savings in gold valuables into hard cash.

Ornaments such as bulky necklaces and bracelets stashed under pillows can be treated quickly in the bazaar but their 14 carat rating and hallmarks are not accepted internationally.

"Whoever wants to invest in gold will now know that it is fully liquid and convertible into hard currencies and of international standard," Toruner said.

He also hoped the domestic gold market would eventually be fully interactive with other world gold markets.

"We are preparing regulations to make gold outflow from the country feasible," Toruner added.

Business slumped in '78

## Dhows, container ships hold key to Djibouti's future

DJIBOUTI, March 13. (Reuters): A tiny sailing dhow from North Yemen bobs gently by a jetty just across the harbour from Djibouti's two looming container port cranes.

The sharp-proved vessel, painted in stripes of green, red and yellow, gleams in the hot sun, symbolising in a way where the future of this Red Sea port is headed.

Up to now the former French colony has served mainly as a sea port for neighbouring Ethiopia and a fuelling stop for passing ships, some on their way to or from the Suez Canal.

But Djibouti is beginning to get into the same business as the Yemeni dhow: taking cargo dropped off by giant container ships and carrying it on to the smaller ports nearby.

While the dhow's crew loads bags of flour, propane gas cylinders and tyres onto the dhow for shipment to the other side of the Red Sea, a dozen other dhows, a spanking new Danish coaster and a rusty old Yemeni ship are

waiting to take on board similar "trans-shipment" cargo.

These vessels go from Djibouti to the Horn of Africa as far as the United Arab Emirates, India and Tanzania.

"We are trying to develop Djibouti as the place where the outside world comes for shipments to and from the region," said Aden Ahmed Douale, director of the port.

Apart from the port and a French air and naval base, there is not much to Djibouti except harsh volcanic desert.

Separated from the Arabian Peninsula by the strategic Bab Al Mandab Strait at the southern entrance to the Red Sea, Djibouti was founded in 1887 as a coaling station for French ships on the run to Indochina and Madagascar.

Some Djiboutians can trace their ancestry back to the former French colonies and many Djiboutian men still wear sarongs in the Southeast Asian style.

A new era of prosperity began in 1917 with the completion of a French-built railway to Addis Ababa and ever since Djibouti has relied on refuelling French ships and handling cargo bound to and from Ethiopia.

But Djibouti's business slumped during the 1977-78 Ogaden war between Ethiopia and Somalia when the railway line was cut.

The track has since been repaired but only one goods train a day drawn by a grey diesel locomotive leaves for Ethiopia.

### Cargo

Ethiopian cargo passing through Djibouti fell from 282,000 tonnes in 1976, before the Ogaden war, to a low of 61,000 in 1982, but has steadied around the 1987 level of 135,000 tonnes.

In contrast, trans-shipment cargo has nearly trebled from 50,000 tonnes in 1985 to 130,000 tonnes in 1987 and Douale said it is still growing, although 1988 figures are not available.

## Bangladesh offer alluring

Gas-based fertiliser plants.

NEW DELHI, March 13. (Agencies): Bangladesh has stolen a march over Gulf countries in wooing India to set up gas-based fertiliser plants in that country.

Bangladesh, which earlier refused to export gas to India, has now made an "attractive" offer for putting up fertiliser projects.

The Bangladesh package includes a total flexibility in India's equity participation in the projects, cheap supply of gas, option of sale of part of the output in that country and the normal incentives being given for foreign investment and export-oriented industries.

In addition, to these, Bangladesh as a location for Indian fertiliser plants has the advantage of being the next-door neighbour, thereby ensuring a substantial saving in freight for India to import fertiliser.

Moreover, the cost of putting up the projects would be much lower in Bangladesh than in the Gulf.

### Plant

Even as the government is examining a recently-submitted report of an expert group recommending the setting up of a urea plant in Oman as a first step for India to tap the cheap Gulf gas, the Bangladesh offer may

ultimately make India look eastwards.

It is understood that decision-makers in India are quite impressed with the idea of Bangladesh being an alternative site.

A high-power delegation of Bangladesh's top businessmen recently met the Commerce Minister, Dinesh Singh, the Planning Minister, Madhavsinh Solanki, and the Industry Secretary, Omita Bordia, with the offer. It is learnt that the delegation went back with a favourable response.

India has started exploring the possibility of putting up gas-based fertiliser projects abroad, more specifically in the Gulf, because of the realisation that the domestic availability of gas is rather low in comparison to the enormous demand for it.

Besides, in the fertiliser industry, gas is in demand in the power and the petrochemical sectors. As a result, gas is bound to continue as an expensive feedstock or fuel in the country.

### Proposal

The Gulf proposal looked attractive primarily because of the low price of gas there. Gas is said to be available in the Gulf countries at a price which

is even \$0.5 for gas equivalent of one British thermal unit (BTU).

But the discouraging aspects, as also has been pointed out by the expert committee, are uncertainty about whether India would be allowed a dominant position in the shareholding and management of the fertiliser projects in the Gulf, the freight cost of importing fertilisers from those plants and the cost of putting up these projects in the Gulf which is considerably higher than in India.

The dominant status in shareholding and management is considered essential since pricing of the fertiliser produced in those plants ought to be under India's control.

### Offer

The Bangladesh offer appears to have a solution to these vexed issues.

Bangladesh's 12 trillion cft. of natural gas is a major resource which has not yet been fully exploited.

Natural gas is presently used mainly in production of urea, electricity generation and as fuel for industries and households.

## Call to boost Arab refining capacity

KUWAIT, March 13. (OPECNA): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) has called for an expansion in Arab refining capacity in order to maintain the balance between expected domestic and export requirements.

An editorial in the current issue of the "Bulletin," the organisation's monthly publication, urges early implementation of refinery construction and upgrading plans if the objective of maintaining and increasing the present share of the Arab refining industry in the world oil product trade is to be fulfilled.

The editorial points out that promotion of oil product exports now forms an "integral part" of the marketing strategy of several Arab oil producers, adding that a number of Arab national oil companies have already gained a "significant foothold" in the international market and are seeking to increase their share in the world oil product trade still further.

The "Bulletin" notes the long

lead-times required in planning and implementing new refining projects, and underlines the "urgency" of Arab governments drawing up basic plans jointly. It offers OAPEC assistance, saying the organisation is "the most appropriate vehicle available" for the purpose.

The editorial counsels that investments earmarked for developing the Arab refining industry should not be limited to new plants but include the retrofitting and upgrading of existing ones. Arab planners should also bear in mind the new patterns of Arab and world demand, which currently reflect an increased need for light products and greater use of heavy crudes as refinery feedstock.

The editorial notes that Arab domestic consumption of oil products today is equal to half the primary distillation capacity of existing Arab refineries, adding that "were Arab refining capacity to remain as it now is until the end of the century, it would barely meet aggregate Arab consumption at that time."

## Furniture firm opens exhibition

SOME feel that furniture is to China what perfumes and fashions are to Paris. Furniture, like clothes, is constantly changing. What's "in" today could be "out" tomorrow. However, to many, the buying of furniture is a once in a lifetime undertaking. Therefore, more and more patrons prefer the traditional look to those which have a flashy design and would need to be replaced frequently.

Last week the Hong Kong-based firm Far Eastern Furnishings Limited opened a wonderful exhibition of traditional rosewood furniture, beautiful silk and woolen carpets, decorative arts and handicrafts at the Kuwait International Hotel's lobby. The exhibition will continue until March 16.

Every item is hand made. A browse around the place offers you the opportunity to see the best China has to offer. Exquisite traditional rosewood hand-carved furniture is delicately inlaid with mother of pearl. The pieces lie gracefully alongside a variety of handwoven Chinese carpets sporting the placid pastel colours used to grace elegant rooms throughout the world.

The appeal of the furniture and carpets surpasses international barriers. Customers are



Visitors at the Far East Exhibition which is being held at the Kuwait International Hotel up to March 16.

expatriate Europeans, expatriate Arabs as well as locals.

Even though the price is reasonable, it apparently isn't the only consideration for customers. Quality plays a major role in the decision to buy. "The quality is very high," says Manager Simon Nee. "Every piece is handmade and checked by us. People like to come simply because they appreciate the beauty and the work that goes

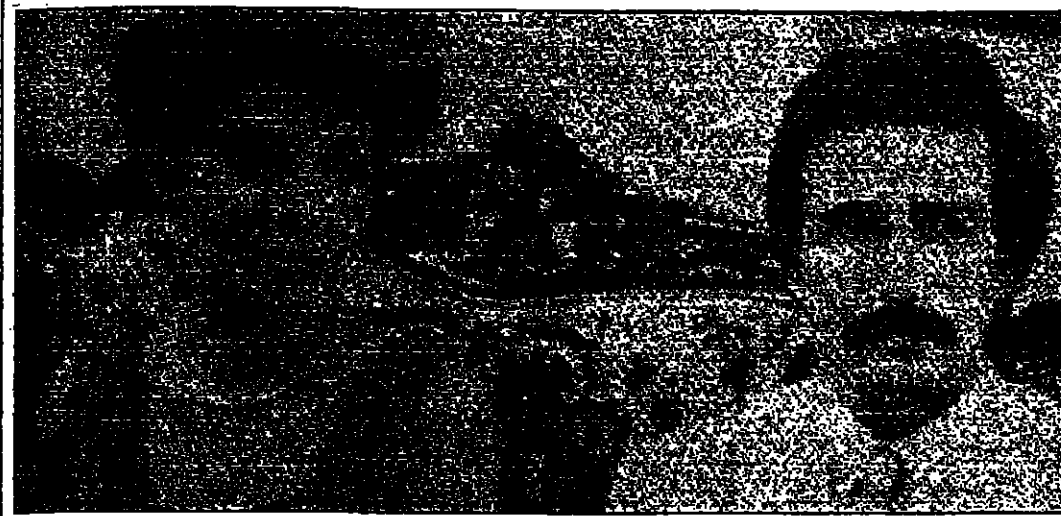
into the making of these items. It is our pleasure to beautifully ideal homes, and it is also a cultural and economic promotion between Middle East nations and the Chinese."

These elegant Chinese rosewood items on exhibition would give an antique oriental flavour to any room. What's more, the value of this furniture never dwindles and has been looked upon as a good investment.



# EVENTS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1989



Sana and Qassem in Hub fi Baghdad.

Film festival from March 20-29

## Iraqi film bonanza for Kuwaitis

TOP Iraqi film stars will take part in a film festival which will be held in Kuwait from March 20-29 at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Iraqi press and culture secretary Hamad Al Mulla said the festival is part of efforts to promote cultural ties between Iraq and Kuwait.

Al Mulla said film stars Hind Kamel, Faisal Al Yasari, Qassem Al Mallak, Saheb Haddad, Miqdad Abdullrida and Ahmad Fayadh will arrive later this week for the festival. Cameraman Shabib Rashid and film directors will also participate, he said.

Al Mulla said they will hold seminars and meetings to encourage Kuwaiti and Iraqi film stars to exchange views.

Ten films, all produced in the 1980s, will be shown. They are Hub fi Baghdad, directed by Abdul Hadi Al Rawi and starring Sana Abdul Rahman and Qassem Al Mallak.

The festival opens with a film entitled Hodoob Al Multaliba, directed by Saeb Haddad. It features Sami Qafan and Hind Kamel.

The other films — socials, historicals and war movies — are Sakhab Al Bahar, Al Fares

## Mini-India on the beach

Volunteers needed

THE India Day organising committee has urged Indians to come forward and join efforts to put on a colourful display at Bneid Al Qar Sea Club on May 11 and 12.

Dr Doraiswamy, a committee member, said they want to recreate a mini-India on the beach and bring on the snake charmers and, maybe even build a mini-Taj Mahal. He said they want to show the cultural diversity from the Himalayas to Kanya Kumari.

An exhibition of Indian handicrafts will be an added attraction. An Indian food stall with home cooked food is expected to be the biggest draw at the two-day festival.

The highspot will be the folk and classical dance show in the evenings.

Dr Doraiswamy said they need more volunteers to join present efforts and has invited all Indians to a meeting at 7 pm on March 20 at the Indian embassy hall. For details you can call 5331456; 4898891; 2644863; 5679762.



● Tanziqo, a cleaning company, recently held a reception for completing their work at the Amiri Hospital Project. Above: Amiri's Director Mahmoud Ali and Tanziqo's managing director Mustafa Elayan pictured with company staff.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1			
9.00 Holy Quran	7.00 News Summary	8.00 News in English	
9.15 Cartoon Serial	7.15 Agricultural Magazine	8.40 The Last Season	
10.00 Al Jazir Min Hanan: Arabic serial, starring Abdul Rahman Al Rashi, Rabee'a Shihab, Shafiqah Tal	7.50 Likulli Sawal wa Jawaab: Questions and Answers	9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series.	
11.00 Baqaya Wajoo: Arabic serial, starring Ibrahim Sallal, Haifa Adel, Ayesha Ibrahim, Khalifa Omar	8.30 Good Evening	10.10 Bustin' Loose: "Rain, Rain Go Away." Starring: Larry Williams.	
12.00 Variety Show	9.00 News in Arabic	10.30 The Equaliser: "Last Call." Starring: Edward Woodward	
1.00 News Summary	9.50 Loolu wa Asdaaf: Arabic serial	11.30 News Summary/ followed by Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown	
1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown	10.45 Min Alf Ala Alaya: variety show featuring Amina Rizk; hosted by Tareq Habib		
KTV 2			
4.00 Holy Quran	12.15 News Summary	6.00 Holy Quran	
4.15 World News via Satellite	12.20 World News via Satellite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown	6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon serial	
4.45 The Adventures of Nelly: cartoon serial		6.30 Break Point	
5.15 Turn Tek and Children		7.00 A Finite World:	
5.45 We and Our Friends			
6.00 Ibn Attiya: historical			

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services			
0000 Newstalk	45 The Intimate Brahms (ex 28th Chopin Collection)	1000 Songs and Music	
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook	1000 News Summary followed by Discovery	1200 Arabic Music	
25 Financial News	30 Sports International	1300 Easy Listening	
30 Short Story	09 News about Britain	1330 News on FM Service	
45 Europe's World	15 Waveguide	1340 Easy Listening	
0200 World News	25 Book Choice	1400 Classical Music	
09 British Press Review	30 Citizens	1600 Easy Listening	
15 Network UK	1200 Newstalk	1700 Italian Hour	
30 Sports International	15 Multitrack 1: Top 20	1800 Pops	
0300 World News	45 Sports Roundup	1900 Helter Skelter	
09 News about Britain	09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary	2000 Pops	
15 The World Today	30 Network UK	2130 News	
30 John Peel	45 Recording of the Week	2300 Indian Classical Hour	
0400 Newstalk	1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News	2300 Easy Listening	
30 The Learning World	45 The Intimate Brahms (ex 28th Chopin Collection)	2400 Instrumental Listening	
45 New Ideas	1500 Newstalk	0200 Closedown	
55 Book Choice	15 A Jolly Good Show		
0500 World News	50 (14th Only) Champion Hurdle, Cheltenham		
09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary	1600 World News		
30 Financial News	09 News about Britain		
40 Words of Faith	15 Omnibus		
45 The World Today	45 The World Today		
0600 Newstalk	1700 World News		
30 The Bee's Lost Beatles Tapes	09 Commentary		
0700 World News	15 Citizens		
09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary	45 Sports Roundup		
30 Europe's World	1800 Newstalk		
45 Network UK	30 Discovery		
0800 World News	1900 News Summary followed by Outlook		
09 Words of Faith	25 Financial News		
15 Health Matters	30 Development '89		
30 Megaphone			
0900 World News			
09 British Press Review			
15 The World Today			
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup			

## English

MORNING	
0800 Opening	
0802 Songs and Music	
0805 Thoughts in Islam	
0830 News in English	
0840 Songs and Music	
0915 Daily Programme	
0930 They Sold a Million	
1000 Our Press Today	
1005 Songs and Music	
1030 Country Collection	
1100 Closedown	
EVENING	
2100 Opening	
2102 In the Latin Mood	
2130 News	
2145 Point of View	
2155 Songs and Music	
2200 Islam	
2215 In the Groove	
2245 Daily Programme	
2300 Hit Special	
2330 Jazz in Action	
2400 Closedown	

## FM Services

0600 Opening/Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Ameen Pharmacy  
Bebbehani Bldg., Jaber Al Mubarak St.  
Al Kawther Pharmacy  
Opp. Police St., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Sabah Pharmacy  
Othman St.  
Salamiya and Rumaithiya  
Al Shifa Pharmacy  
Hmoud Al Anjari Bldg., Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Jleeb Al Shiyookh  
Fallaqa Pharmacy  
Main St.  
Riqqa  
Al Riqqa Pharmacy  
Bldg No. 12, Riqqa  
Jahra  
Al Najah Pharmacy  
Area 4, Qitah 48

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Nigo  
Starring: Steve Segal  
Al Salamiya  
Three Men and a Baby  
Starring: Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenburg  
Al Hamra  
Volunteers  
Starring: Tom Hanks, John Kennedy  
Drive-in  
Al Khademah (Arabic)  
Starring: Nadia Jundi, Mamdouh Abdul Aleem  
Al Firdous  
Surya (Hindi)  
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Bhanu Priya, Raj Kumar, Amrish Puri  
Fahsheel Open-air  
Aas Paas (Hindi)

Al Fahsheel  
Metal Storm  
Al Jahra  
Insaaf (Hindi)  
Granada  
Fleisch  
Sulabikhat  
Lucas  
Al Jleeb  
August 1 (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Mo'arakah Al Naqib  
Nadiya (Arabic)

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.39 am
Zuhr	11.57
Asr	3.22 pm
Maghreb	5.57
Isha	7.12

## Summer Queen contest in May

THE Weekend Club will hold the Summer Queen contest at their "Summer Affair '89" in May. The show will be held at the Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid al Fitr. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers will provide musical entertainment. For details call Hilary Baretto — 5741380.

The club will also present two Konkani dramas Somaz Oso Cholia and Ami Nidleat in May. Rosario Rodrigues, who has written and directed the plays, will visit Kuwait for the performances. Further details about the productions will be announced at a later date.



● Diplomats in Kuwait became star gazers for a night on Sunday when they were invited to a special show at the Kuwait Planetarium by the Democratic Republic of Germany. East German Ambassador Dr Kurt Merkel had organised the social evening for the members of the Club for Young Diplomats (age is no bar to membership). Above: some of the diplomats and their wives with the East German hosts. Below: a guest admires an exhibit at the planetarium.



● The Holiday Inn, Kuwait, recently organised a camping trip and desert picnic for their long-staying guests in their Al Wakra camp. After fun and games, ranging from backgammon to football, they were treated to a special barbecue lunch.



## WHAT'S ON

**ARTS**  
Ghadir Gallery  
UNTIL March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Mills will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.  
Sultan Gallery  
AN exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Mounirul Islam is open at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St., daily except Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.  
Kuwait Science Museum  
OPEN Saturday - Wednesday, 4.30 - 5.30 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.  
Islamic Arts Museum  
SAT. - Thurs. 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
Arabian Gulf St.  
Tareq Rajab Museum  
SAT. - Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits

include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.  
**MUSIC**  
Piano Concert  
MARCH 14: Mouchira Issa in concert at Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, New Grand Ballroom. For reservations contact the banquet's office or call the hotel, ext. 104/107.  
Jukebox 5  
MARCH 18 (7 pm): Auditions for singers and dancers in concert at Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, New Grand Ballroom. For reservations contact the banquet's office or call the hotel, ext. 104/107.  
Nacsh Hameed  
will choreograph the show. Dancers should bring their dance gear with them. Performances will be on May 15 and 18. For details ring 5740256 or 5625316.  
Children's Dance Recital  
MARCH 21/22 (6 pm): Steps School of Ballet will present a children's dance recital in the theatre of the Kuwait English School, Salwa. Tickets, KD2, are available at KES from 5 to 7 pm on weekdays. Tel: 5629356 ext 55 (pm only) or 5616228.  
Beat Concert  
MARCH 31: Vishal Arts present a beat concert featuring Symphony and Perfect Strangers from 10 am at the Sharq Co-operative Hall. At 6 pm the group will present a variety

show with Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi music and folk dances. For details call Anthony D'Souza or Arjun Gehi. Tel: 2631826 or 2663693.  
**THEATRE**  
ACT  
MARCH 27, 28, 29, 30 (8 pm): ACT presents Jean Giraudoux' comic fantasy "The Madwoman of Chailot", directed by George Plautz, at Mousset Theatre, Jabriya. Reduced ticket price for opening night. For reservations call 5731782 (answerphone) or 5755391, 5-7 pm.  
Malayalam Drama  
APRIL 7: Gayathi Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Purnami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written and directed by Nandan Iringalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.  
Higher Education in Britain  
UNTIL March 15: Higher Education in Britain at Kuwait International Hotel features all aspects of higher education in the UK. British Council staff and visiting representatives from Scottish universities will give advice.  
Far East Exhibition  
TRADITIONAL rosewood furniture, silk and woolen carpets, decorative arts and handicrafts are on show at the exhibition at Kuwait Inter-

national Hotel. Open throughout the day, until March 16.  
Silk Painting Exhibition  
MARCH 21-23 (5-9 pm): Ladies from the German-speaking cultural association will hold a silk painting exhibition at Kuwait International Hotel, Old Failaka room. Exhibits include Arab scenes, art nouveau and other subjects as well as cushions, scarves, brooches and a small Easter bazaar. All are welcome.  
**SOCIAL**  
Get-together and musical  
MARCH 16 (8 pm): A get-together with music and dinner will be held at Sheraton Hotel. "Bops till you Drop" music, from 1930s to 1980s, featuring Karl and Christine Anderson with the Top Ranks band. For invitations contact 4834938.  
Easter Dance  
MARCH 21, (8 pm): Jukebox Band will hold a pre-Easter dance at Messilah Beach Hotel. Those interested in attending please contact Phil Thomas on 5387998 after 5 pm.  
Community Festival  
MARCH 31: 4.30 pm. Thapasya, an Indian group, will hold a community festival featuring folk dances at Maseela Family Beach. Entrance: 500 fils (adults); 250 fils (children).  
Jewellery-making  
ERICA Leinzer will hold

jewellery-making classes at the Kuwait Cultural Centre. For details call 5624393.  
Southerners get-together  
MARCH 31: The Southerners will hold a get-together at Carlton Towers Hotel from 10 am to 4 pm. Next of Kin will provide musical entertainment. For details ring 2425705 or 4831484.  
**HOTELS**  
At the Kuwait Plaza  
AL DALLAH coffee shop: breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner; also set menu: mini-business lunch.  
Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music by the Duonova band.  
Lolouwah Corner: open from 4 to 10 pm, offering snacks and refreshments.  
At the Pullman  
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.  
At the Ramada  
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight: a la carte available.  
Thursday's BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.  
The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and

waterfront.  
The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 pm to 11 pm.  
At Kuwait International  
UNTIL March 16: Traditional English beefsteak buffet (lunch and dinner). Steak and kidney pie, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, fish and chips, plus all trimmings.  
At Messilah Beach  
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: Open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".  
At the SAS  
BISTRETTO: A new Italian restaurant has been opened at the hotel. A selection of Italian dishes are offered in addition to international and local specialties prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist.  
Al Boom: the floating restaurant will offer a different speciality every two days as well as the Al Boom menu of charcoal grills.  
Peacock Room: offers a wide variety of Chinese cuisine introduced by Chef Von Kwee Kiong.  
The Clock Drive-In restaurant serves fast foods and dairy specials.  
At the Holiday Inn  
EVERY Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Enjoy fresh fish and seafood

specialties. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio.  
Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.  
At the Continental  
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dabbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.  
At the Meridian  
MARCH 14/15: A touch of Greece at La Brasserie. Greek food buffet, bazooka sound and ambience at Greek festival. Every Thursday is Jam Session at La Brasserie, music by Remy D'Mello; seafood buffet and lots of fun. Family fun on Fridays with oriental buffet and musical entertainment.

Hotel. Commences at 10 am. Registration is strictly limited. For details call Hugh McAree — 5326368 or Jon Evans — 5339867.  
Laser Sailing  
MARCH 17: Messilah Beach Laser Club's spring series will be held. Briefing at 10 am. All are welcome. For details contact David Clark — 4845171 (W); 2425947 (H); or Philip Silver — 4841513 (W); 5314957 (H).  
Keep-Fit Classes  
AT Holiday Inn: Mondays (6-7 pm) separate ladies and men's keep fit classes; Saturdays (5-6 pm) ladies aerobics; (6-7 pm) mixed aerobics. Sundays: 5.30 pm. Squash handicapped tournament. Contact the Holiday Inn for details.  
At Kuwait International Hotel: Aerobics for ladies from 6 to 7 pm every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.  
Yoga every Sunday and Tuesday from 8 pm to 9 pm and on Friday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.  
Swimming starts March 6-22, Saturdays, Mondays, Wednesdays. For details contact the hotel's recreation manager Colin Hall.  
Volleyball Tournament  
MARCH 31: The Kuwait Malayalee Association will hold a volleyball tournament for Indians in connection with the Nehru Centenary celebrations. For details call Prem — 4675622 ext 293 (7 am - 3 pm). Last date for registration is March 15.



By Marina Shamoon

TAXI driver Guy Smith slogged away driving businessmen and tourists to Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, Harrods and the business centres of the traffic-choked, fume-filled streets of London.

But last August he found himself facing different hazards, driving through scorching deserts, past mountain ranges and crossing oceans and war zones in a race from London to Sydney, Australia, to raise money for charity. The fare alone would have cost £31,446.60 — not including a tip!

Guy set off from the starting grid at Buckingham Palace, London, to cross the finishing line in Sydney 68 days later. The loveable cabbie had clocked up 14,148 miles (22,636km).

Now Guy, his female co-driver Kanelli Tsiros who drives a cab in Sydney, and his faithful black taxi have earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

But most important is that the trip has raised more than 300,000 Australian dollars (£140,000) towards the British Lung Foundation, London's Albany Taxi Charity for the mentally handicapped, The Community Chest in Singapore, and The Variety Club of Australia.

Guy, a Londoner, says: "I'll remember the trip for the rest of my life. It was a fantastic adventure and the added bonus was that it was all for a good cause. It is something any taxi driver would have been proud to do."

"We were eating tinned food most of the time and in some places we even had to pay for water. But I would still do it all over again."

And Guy was full of praise for the cab that carried him across four continents and still finished in one piece. The notorious Paris to Dakar rally could hardly have been more gruelling for the sturdy taxi that he affectionately nicknamed Betsy.

Guy, a 57-year-old bachelor, says: "I had no doubt that the taxi would withstand the harshest conditions. And I've proved that London taxis will go anywhere. A car built for the London streets has travelled half way round the world to Australia, over several deserts and through terrain which bogs down lorries."

"Only the fuel injector pipe

and shock absorbers gave way. We didn't have to change tyres at all."

And at the end of the trip Betsy was auctioned in Australia to raise a further 26,000 Australian dollars.

## Sadness

Guy's voice is edged with sadness as he says: "My heart broke at having to leave Betsy behind. But I hope to see her again."

Guy was chosen from hundreds of taxi drivers who volunteered for the trip. At first Guy thought he was too old, but he filled in a form anyway.

He explains: "I was surprised when I was short-listed. I think it may have been my answer to the question, 'Why do you think you are suitable?' My answer was short and sweet, 'I'm a typical London taxi driver and I don't get into a flap.'"

Guy then went before a committee who were obviously impressed with his credentials and courage. He had previously been a long distance lorry driver and had driven on the Continent. And once he gave chase when he witnessed a bank robbery.

He was so eager to be chosen that he omitted to say that he suffered from asthma because he thought it might jeopardise his chances. When he did eventually confess it was too late. The decision had been made: he was to be the driver.

Guy says: "I was thrilled. Australia has always been a place I wanted to visit. It was the fulfillment of a dream and the chance of a lifetime."

On August 20, Australian megastar Dame Edna Everage started the cab's two fare meters — one registering English pounds and the other Australian dollars — which signalled the start of the race.

Guy and Kanelli were accompanied by Dr John Morgan and Edward "Ned" Kelly who between them conceived the idea, expedition leader Charles Norwood and cameraman Mike Dillon in a support vehicle that carried supplies of food, water and diesel.

At Portsmouth they crossed the English Channel by ferry to Le Havre in France then motored on to Italy where the group attended the wedding of Edward's sister Mary.

After that was Yugoslavia

# Amazing drive for charity

## Taxi! Take me 14,148 miles



When cabbie Guy Smith decided to raise money for handicapped children, he set out on a marathon trip from London to Sydney. The meter clocked up £31,446.60 ... but warm-hearted Guy raised £140,000 for charity.

quick run through Greece and into Turkey. They were delayed in Turkey

because two team members did not have visas for Iran. But Guy handled the problem superbly.

Over tea and biscuits he persuaded an Iranian official to speed up the formalities.

In Iran the party was stopped so often that Guy lost count after 40. They had to hide the expensive camera equipment for fear that it might be confiscated. They delays meant that Guy and Kanelli had to drive day and night to reach the Pakistan border which is only open on three days every month.

They made it on time and set off through the scorching 125 degrees Fahrenheit (51 degrees Centigrade) of the Baluchistan desert and into Quetta — where they met the Australian cricket team and gave them a short lift!

In India, Guy and company savoured the majesty of the Taj Mahal. And in complete

contrast, they also saw poverty-stricken areas where people were dying of starvation.

The support vehicle was left behind when the group and their black cab flew into Bangkok for a lavish reception laid on the their honour. They stayed in a luxury hotel, ate good meals and slept in comfortable beds.

The Thai Tourist Board supplied them with a guide and a new support vehicle for the next leg of the journey to Singapore. And from there it was a short hop to Perth in Western Australia for the last gruelling stage of the journey.

Guy drove through the harsh wasteland of the Australian outback — and to his amazement discovered they

needed special permits to drive through Aborigine land which covers 90 per cent of Australia.

Guy also came across some unusual sights in the desolate outback. He explains: "There were steel cages surrounding petrol pumps. It is to keep away Aborigines who are hooked on sniffing petrol."

Then from Alice Springs to Adelaide they had a complete change of scenery. This was the beginning of lush Australia.

At Melbourne, The Variety Club laid on a banquet and 40,000 Australian dollars was raised. Then it was on to Canberra and their final destination, Sydney.

People lined the streets in their hundreds to welcome the London cabbie. And with film

crews insisting on "one more picture" it is no wonder that Guy crossed the finishing line outside the Sydney Opera House 10 minutes late at 12.30 in the afternoon.

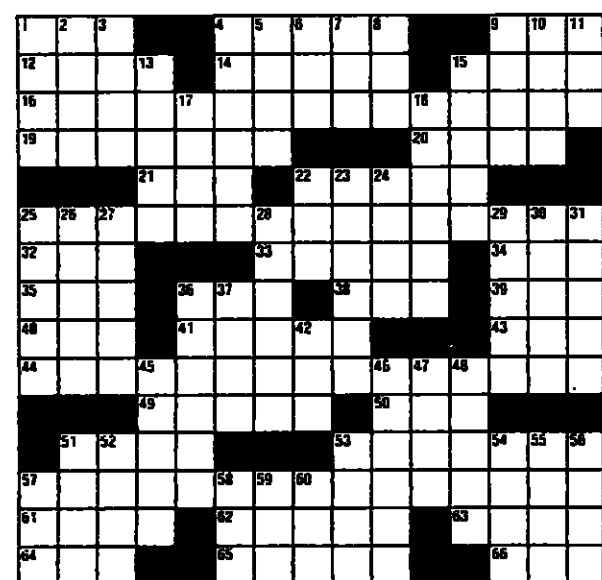
But no-one was keeping a strict time check. After all, the team had at least made it against all odds. And the taxi had passed one of the toughest road tests of all. At the end the cab was still revving healthily and in good enough shape to make the return trip.

And all this charity work is fitted in between earning a living driving a London cab.

"I really love it," says Guy. "It's certainly a bit different from dashing across London so a city gent can catch his 6.30 train from Waterloo Station!"

Guy Smith's London taxi parked out in the Australian outback and (inset) Guy Smith.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Beat
  - 4 Speechify
  - 9 Strike out
  - 12 Oop's mate
  - 14 Summer TV fare
  - 15 To the — (tully)
  - 16 Actress
  - 18 quidnunc and trumpet
  - 19 Pass by a griddle
  - 20 Store sign
  - 21 Cole of song
  - 22 Rhine feeder
  - 25 Two singers and an actress
  - 32 DDE's command
  - 33 "To fall — habit..."
  - 34 Ship's diary
  - 35 Converse
  - 36 Corn, to a bloke
  - 38 Beard of grain
  - 39 Fighter Lee —
  - 40 Me —
  - 41 Moslem prince
  - 43 Fabray
  - 44 Two actresses and a netter
  - 49 Art able?
  - 50 Author Levin
  - 51 Webster entry
  - 53 Encouraged
  - 57 Actress
  - Marshall and a Rook group member
  - 61 Second-hand
  - 62 Epitome
  - 63 Begot
  - 64 Formerly called
  - 65 Lasso part
  - 66 In place of
- DOWN**
- 1 It is shot
  - 2 New Rochelle
  - 3 school
  - 4 Map
  - 5 Overly adorned
  - 6 Genuine
  - 7 Parseghian of football
  - 8 Cask
  - 9 Lineman
  - 10 Splendid
  - 11 An Alda
  - 12 Utmost
  - 13 Omni, e.g.
  - 14 Wished
  - 15 Exam
  - 16 River to the Dead Sea
  - 17 Actor
  - 18 Richardson
  - 19 Rabbed woolen cloth
  - 20 Sufficient, to Keats
  - 21 Seed coat
  - 22 Pan follower
  - 23 — your
  - 24 David of films and kin
  - 25 A Massey
  - 30 "— is an island..."
  - 31 Capital of Guam
  - 32 Paris greens?
  - 37 Arabian gulf
  - 42 Devour
  - 45 Pungent
  - 46 Bit of food
  - 47 Tedious, to Highlanders
  - 48 Loathes
  - 51 "A word to the —"
  - 52 S-shaped molding
  - 53 Rehan and others
  - 54 9-to-5ers' pet letters
  - 55 First name in architecture
  - 56 Bambu, e.g.
  - 57 Weapon
  - 58 "The — Game"
  - 59 Fuss
  - 60 Classic precursor

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ALSO ITEM JAILS  
BEAM MIRO ATTAR  
ATTA PLAN FOODS  
CHARLOTTS OFFIRE  
KEN SSS TEE  
TSE DOL ROMA  
ISSUE HONI IBID  
THE FIRE NEXT TIME  
COAT ERNS OATES  
HESS LEE STS  
MIA ETE ODA  
MAGIC FIRE MUSIC  
LAGER TSAR SCAR  
IRENE ELSE MANE  
STEED REES ARES

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## SNIP THE LINE

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH

♠ A 2  
♥ K Q J 10 7 4  
♦ J  
♣ 10 9 7 3

WEST EAST  
♠ 9 6 4 ♠ K 10 8 3  
♥ 9 6 5 3 ♥ 8 2  
♦ 9 7 5 2 ♦ A 10 6 4  
♣ Q 8 ♣ A K 5

SOUTH  
♠ Q J 7 5  
♥ A  
♦ K Q 8 3  
♣ J 6 4 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1 ♣ Pass Pass Pass  
Pass 3 NT Pass Pass  
Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣

It is only human to want to hold on to what we have. But once in a while we have to sacrifice a little to gain a lot. Here's an example of what we mean.

With so much of his strength concentrated in diamonds and only a singleton heart, South could not take any action over East's opening bid. But when North stretched a little to show a hand of at least opening bid strength with an excellent heart suit by his balancing jump to two hearts, South went right to the game he expected to make.

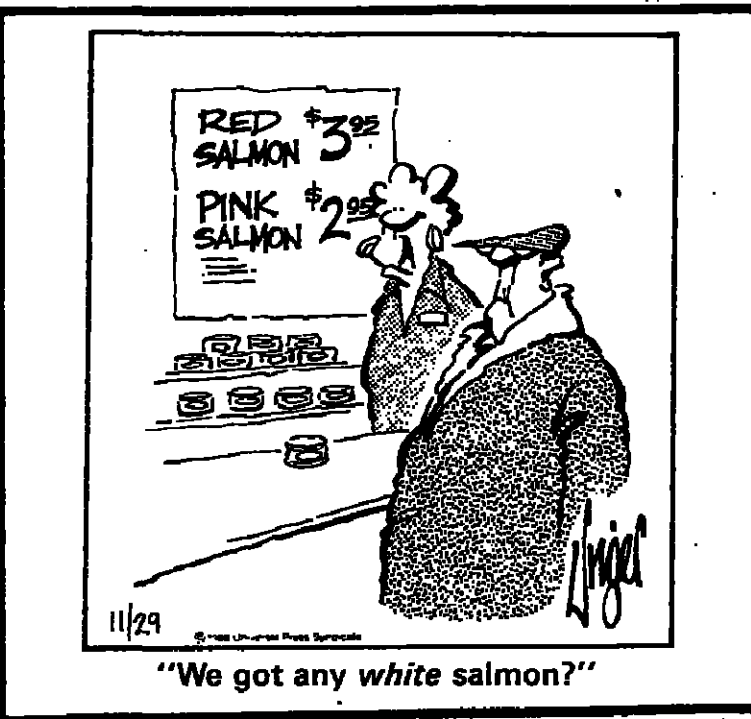
West led his fourth-best diamond, and it did not take a genius in the East seat to work out that he could expect little or nothing from his partner. And it was obvious to one and all that, if declarer were to rake in six heart tricks, he would have little difficulty in fulfilling his game contract.

There was only one way to shut out the heart suit. Declarer would have to hold a singleton heart. And since that would almost surely be the singleton ace, dummy's entry would have to be removed before the hearts were freed.

East found the surest way to accomplish that. He shot up with the ace of diamonds and shifted to the king of spades! Declarer had no counter.

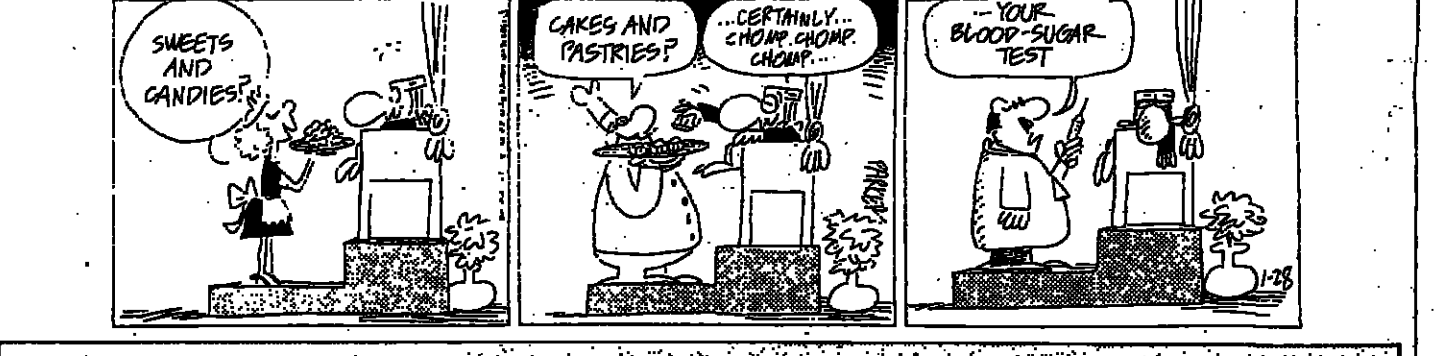
Ducking the first spade would not help, since East would simply continue with another spade; and winning the ace would maroon those wonderful hearts. East's play surrendered a trick in spades, but gained four in the other suits. In the trade, his play is known as the "Merrimac Coup."

Yes, we know a low club at trick two by East, followed by a spade shift from West, would have proved equally effective, but that would have been dependent on West holding the queen of clubs. East's actual defense was both prettier and more effective.



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Bert Parker and Johnny Hart



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## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

Not everything is what it seems and you will have to use your discretion. You should show just a little more goodwill towards others.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

Nothing wrong with a little flutter, but do not rely on winnings to get you out of financial trouble. You will be able to make better progress than first seemed possible but you must concentrate.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

You should not expect others always to do you favours if you do nothing in return. You will be able to make good progress at work. Make sure you take the best of care whether driving, cycling or walking. Be sincere.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

You will be able to do something to increase your prestige. You will tend to get tired more easily and should ensure you get plenty of rest. Also do not lead too sedentary a life. Be objective.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

Something that has not been going your way will all of a sudden rebound in your favour. You should do your best to stay on good terms with your colleagues. Do not do anything that would obviously be bad for your health.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

You should not think that because others have had an easy passage you will. Try not to leave anything to chance. Avoid having too many late nights in succession. If you have made a promise make sure you do not break it. Be patient.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

You will have to make a decision that is not going to be popular. You will be able to deal with a problem that you thought would be virtually insoluble. You will have something to be pleased about. Be astute.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**

You will have plenty to do so do not allow yourself to be sidetracked. Make sure you do not leave any doors or windows open inviting burglars. A problem must be faced, it cannot be swept under the carpet. Be punctual.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Do not become depressed by what still remains to be done. Just get on with it and all will fall into place. The Moon's influence will tend to make you somewhat more impatient.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

Something you have been doing wrong will suddenly become obvious to you. You should avoid doing anything that is bound to give rise to resentments. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be tolerant.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

Remember that only practice makes perfect. Make sure you do not allow litter to accumulate. You will have to act quickly in order to avail yourself of a good opportunity. Be punctilious.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

You will be rather prone to allowing your mind to wander and should do all you can to control yourself. You will come to a conclusion that may not be correct, so think again. You should not give up too soon. Be resilient.

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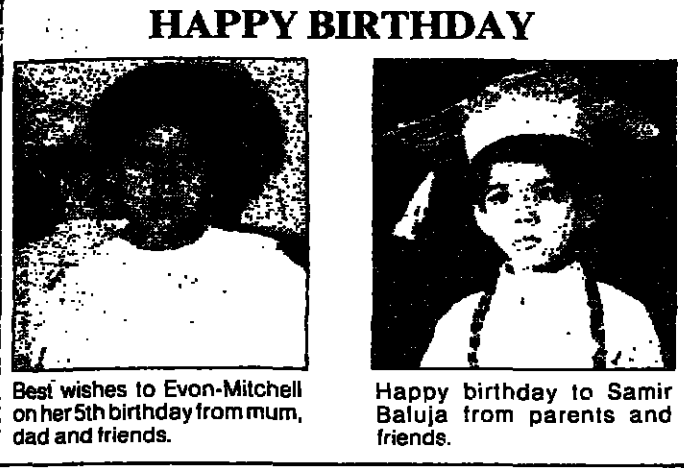
Dear Junior Readers,

I'm glad that the weather has cleared up as most of you have your sports day this week.

I hope you win in what you are good at, but remember there are only three top positions and if you do not manage to occupy one of them, there is always a next time. It's not winning that counts, it's how you play the game!

Thank you Inpreet and Harmeet Kaur for sending in some of your work. Pull your socks up, the rest of you, we want the page full of your ideas and hard work. Also send in a photograph of yourself with your work, we would like to see what you look like.

Manal.



Ha! Ha!

What's green and holds up a stage coach?  
Dick Gherkin.

What lives under the sea and carries 64 people?  
An octopus.

What's blue and yellow and has a wing span of 14 metres?  
A two-and-a-half ton budgie.

What do you call a bald-headed smiler?  
Yul Grynner.

What do Frenchmen eat for breakfast?  
Huit heures six.

What kind of meringues repeat?  
Boo-meringues.

What has four legs, a tail, whiskers, and flies?  
A dead cat.

What wobbles when it flies?  
A jellycopter.

What did the mayonnaise say to the fridge?  
'Close the door - I'm dressing.'

What are spiders' webs good for?  
Spiders.

Why is there always a wall round a graveyard?  
'Cos people are dying to get in.

If a man was born in Australia, worked in America and died in Europe, what is he?  
Dead.

Heard about the man who had three daughters, called Hazel, Coco and Brazil? They were all nuts.

There was this chap on the bus. He said, "Excuse me conductor, do you know if this bus stops at the end of the pier?" The conductor said, "Yes. Do you?"

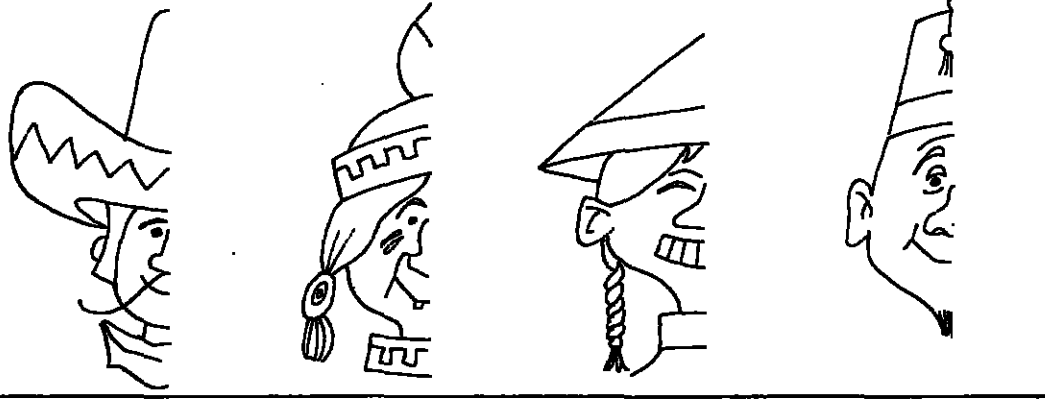
What do ghosts eat for dinner?  
Spook-etti.

What do short-sighted ghosts wear?  
Spook-tacles.

What did the Mummy Ghost say to the Baby Ghost?  
'Spook when you're spoken to.'

What do you call a drunken ghost?  
A methylated spirit.

Complete the faces



Word search  
COLOUR CHART

AMBER	CHERRY	GOLDEN	NAVY	SCARLET
AQUAMARINE	CHOCOLATE	(Crimson) LAKE	OLIVE	SIENNA
ARGENT	COBALT (Blue)	LAVENDER		SILVER
AZURE	CREAM	LEAF (Green)	PALE	TANGERINE
	CRIMSON	LEMON	PILLAR-BOX RED	TURQUOISE
BLACK	DAMSON	LIGHT	PINK	ULTRAMARINE
BOTTLE GREEN	DAFFLE-GREY	LILAC	PRUSSIAN-BLUE	
BRINDLED			FUCCIA	VERMILION
BROWN	FAWN	MAGENTA	PURPLE	
BRUNETTE	FLAME	MAUVE	ROUGE	WHITE
	FLESH-COLOURED	MINT (Green)	RUBY	YELLOW OCHRE
CANARY (Yellow)	GILT	MOTHER-OF-PEARL		
CARNATION				
CERISE				

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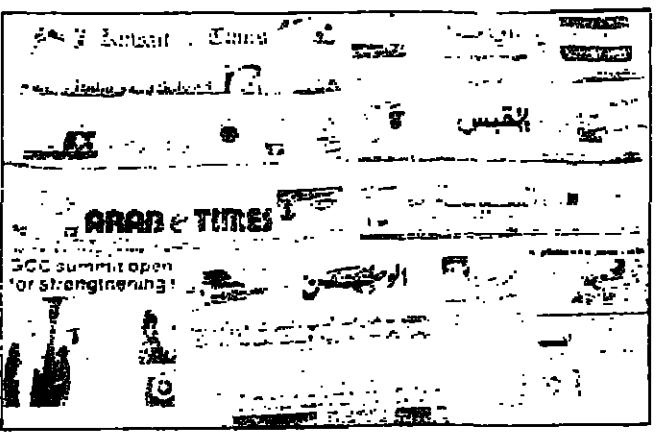
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E T I H W E N I R A M A R T L U F I

Clue: Flower and colour (8 letters)

Your work  
Advantages of reading newspapers



NEWSPAPERS have their importance and advantages. In modern times, newspapers are considered to be the givers of information, news and views. Newspapers bring us news from all the corners of the world. Someone has rightly remarked that the modern world is a world of press and morning newspapers.

Newspapers reflect public opinion. They contain a great deal of useful information. The public remains in touch with the leading ideas in the country as well as of the world. Through newspapers we get news — both national and international. Social, political, economical, scientific, literary and religious events are reported by the newspapers.

Nowadays, every newspaper preaches a special ideology, and while the real aim of a newspaper should be to give impartial coverage of news, some of the newspapers indulge in propagating their own ideological propaganda. Such propaganda harms the real purpose of the newspaper.

Newspapers play a great role in mobilising public opinion on various national issues. These newspapers also help in educating public opinion. They make us realise our duties and make us aware of our responsibilities. They give their own honest opinion on various problems of the country. Thus, they lead the masses on the right path.

From the point of view of education, they have a great value. Newspapers can publish the latest reports regarding the researches made, discoveries done and inventions made in the various fields.

The ideas and thoughts of the world-renowned thinkers, writers, poets, scientists, reformers, etc are known to us through newspapers. Thus newspapers are the important limbs of the modern society. They encourage commerce and trade. They reflect the national will. They mirror the right sentiments. Nay, newspapers have really great advantages in this world of publicity.

To be a human is ...

- To eat an ice-cream on a hot summer day.
- To study for a test and get an "A".
- To go to a party and have a blast.
- To dream about the future and remember the past.
- To compete and win; to compete and lose.
- To keep a grin without getting the blues.
- To gossip intently with your close friends.
- To discuss all of the latest trends.
- To help less fortunate people in need.
- To sit down to a good book and quietly read.
- To make disastrous, disappointing mistakes.
- To wish desperately for an instant retake.
- To go to the beach just to relax.
- To come back to school and be burned to the max!

Inpreet Kaur,  
12½ years,  
Indian School,  
Salmiya.

My Best Friend

THE world looks gloomy in the absence of a friend. Man by nature is a social animal. A man who lives alone is either an angel or a beast, so arises the need for a true and honest friend. True friends, no doubt, are rare in this world.

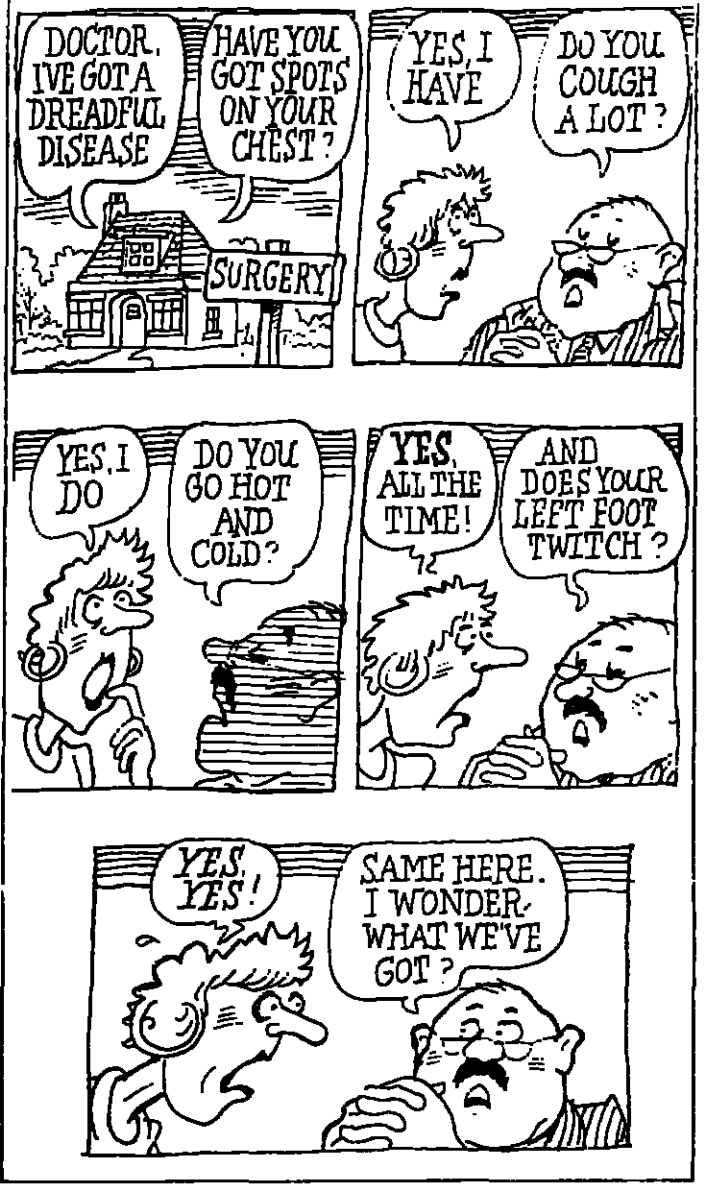
Meenakshi is my best friend. She has been my class fellow since last year. She comes from a very good and respectable family. Because of her good qualities and sound character, she is loved by everyone at school and in the neighbourhood. She has a sweet temperament and advises and loves all, but hates none. She also shares the joys and sorrows of all her friends.

Meenakshi really proves the proverb "A friend in need is a friend indeed". My best friend is the embodiment of all human virtues. To me, her knowledge, service of humanity, devotion to duty, obedience to elders and love to youngsters are her great ideals.

As a matter of fact, I am lucky that a person like Meenakshi is my best friend. Her behaviour and qualities have forced me to call her a best friend.

Harmeet Kaur,  
11½ years,  
Indian School (KSTR),  
Salmiya.

Doctors's advice



Solution to Thursday's crossword  
Across: 1 Plum; 4 Motel; 7 Ratchets; 8 Bed; 9 Sew; 10 Ties; 12 Feet; 14 Lead; 16 Omelet; 19 Box; 20 Clutter; 21 Worm; 22 Cuffed.  
Down: 1 Parrot; 2 Litter; 3 Belfry; 4 Vase; 5 Table; 6 Lead; 11 Spurred; 13 Zodiac; 15 Anger; 17 Noisy; 18 Ager; 19 Bow.

Collection corner

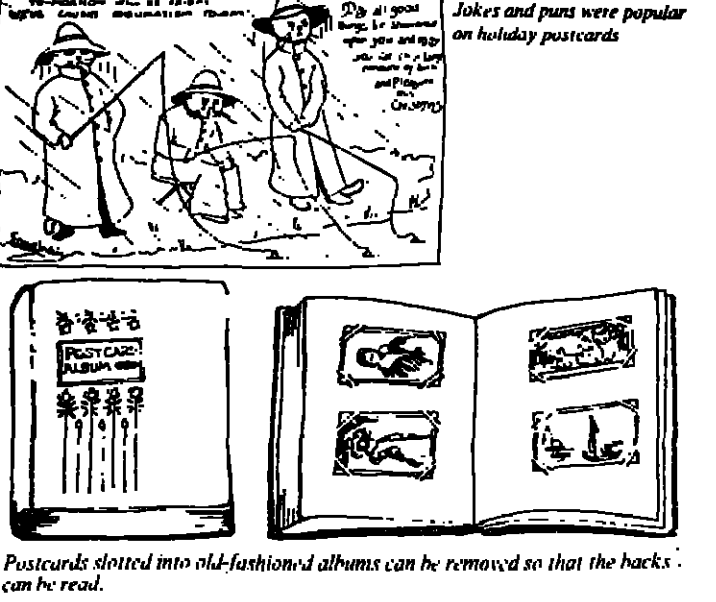
Postcards

THE first plain postcard was issued in Austria in 1869, and a year later, ready-stamped postcards could be bought and sent from British post offices for a total price of 1½d (one old halfpenny). This was much cheaper than the penny post for a letter in an envelope, and half a million cards went through a London sorting office on the first day. Cards came into general use for people to write and receive answers quickly in the days before the telephone, but picture postcards did not come into general use until the end of the Nineteenth Century. Old cards are now becoming very valuable, and collectors are called deltiologists. Many families have a lot of cards tucked away in desks and drawers, and some can still be bought very cheaply.

The cards produced between 1894 and 1920 are widely collected now, but they were printed by the million, so you can still find plenty of them (usually you can tell the date from the postmark). Cards posted before 1910 or connected with a special event, such as the first British aerial post in 1911, are worth the most. There were funny postcards and pretty postcards, pictures of famous places and beautiful actresses, and of animals and sentimental scenes or stories. It is a good idea to specialize in one kind of card, perhaps of a place you know well, or of famous events, or posted before a certain date. Look for a postcard album to keep them in so that they can be slotted into place and the stamp, postmark and message will not be spoiled. The messages are great fun to read and can tell you a lot about the way of life years ago.

Some postcards were printed and produced very quickly. When family photographs were taken, either in a studio or at the seaside, they could be made into postcards, and you may find some of your own grandparents or great-grandparents. Postcards of disasters were also popular. If there was a train or bus crash, or a big fire, the local newspaperman used to take a picture, and postcards of the accident could be sent within a few hours of its happening. Sometimes there would be a second picture taken a day or two later when the debris was being cleared away.

It doesn't matter if you can't find any really old postcards. You can still find funny postcards of places and people, and there are also many pictures of animals, famous houses, railway engines, museum exhibits and almost everything else you might be interested in.



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE STRONGEST ANIMALS IN THE WORLD IN PROPORTION TO THEIR SIZE ARE THE LARGER BEETLES OF THE SCARABAEIDAE. IN TESTS CARRIED OUT ON AN UNNAMED SPECIES IT WAS FOUND THAT IT COULD SUPPORT 850 TIMES ITS OWN WEIGHT ON ITS BACK.

THE SLOWEST GROWTH RATE OF ANY CREATURE IS THAT OF THE DEEP-SEA CLAM (TINDARIA CALLISTIFORMIS) WHICH TAKES C. 100 YEARS TO REACH A LENGTH OF 0.31 IN (8 MM).

My! Hasn't he grown! His last hundred years or so!

FAST SWIMMING SOLIDS (CEPHALOPODA), HAVE THE THICKEST NERVE FIBRES (AXONS) OF ANY LIVING ANIMAL. IN THE CASE OF THE HUMBOOT SQUID, THEY HAVE BEEN MEASURED UP TO 0.7 IN (18 MM) IN DIAMETER, ABOUT 100 TIMES THICKER THAN HUMAN NERVES.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE LARGEST FISH IN THE WORLD IS THE RARE PLANKTON-FEEDING WHALE SHARK (RHINOCHORDON TYPOS) WHICH IS FOUND IN THE WARMER AREAS OF THE ATLANTIC, PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS. THE LARGEST EVER CAUGHT WAS 41½ FT (12.65 M) LONG, 23 FT (7 M) ROUND AT THE THICKEST PART OF THE BODY AND WEIGHED AROUND 15 TONS.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE LARGEST CARNIVOROUS FISH IS THE GREAT WHITE SHARK (CARCHARODON CARCHARIAS), ALSO CALLED THE 'MAN-EATER'. ADULT SPECIMENS (FEMALES ARE LARGER THAN MALES) AVERAGE 14-15 FT (4.3-4.6 M) IN LENGTH. THEIR INCLINATION TO ATTACK HUMANS IS OFTEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED.

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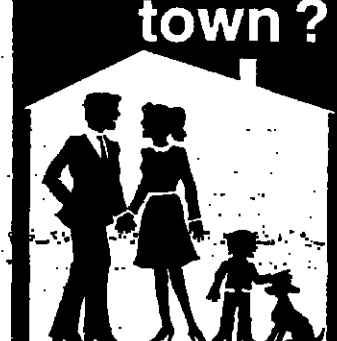
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## Platini has confidence in his young team

PARIS, March 13, (Reuters): The considerable natural gifts of Michel Platini, once applied to the delicate science of scoring from direct free kicks, are now devoted to the more prosaic art of whistling in the dark.

Four months after accepting the dual role of national team selector and saviour of French soccer, Platini was forced to take a long swallow as he watched his inexperienced, uninspired and largely inept team hasten towards an early World Cup exit.

Wednesday's 2-0 defeat by Scotland in Glasgow left France with little but a theoretical chance of reaching the 1990 finals in Italy but Platini's brave noises showed he is fast mastering the diplomatic demands of his new job.

"I have confidence in them," Platini said of his young team. "They are perfectly capable of repainting the image of French football and they showed it in Glasgow by worrying the Scots. They need time. The talent is there but they lack experience. They will have to endure more evenings like the one in Hampden Park, accept more blows before they get hardened, but one day they will be very strong."

Waning  
Platini's confidence is not widely shared in France where soccer fans watch with alarm at the waning fortune of their once so glorious national team.

"Straight into hell," screamed the headline in the sports daily L'Equipe. "A very black period is opening for the French team," the story ran.

There is virtually no connection left between the present squad and the effervescent team, masterminded by Platini in mid-field, which won the European Championship in 1984 and reached the World Cup semifinals in 1982 and 1986.

In terms of talent, experience and will to win, the current side is scarcely even a pale shadow of that of the Platini playing era.

The few links with the past that do remain are likely to be severed immediately, along with any pretensions of grandeur, as a result of the Glasgow game.

Sweeper Patrick Battiston, recalled at the age of 31, probably played his last game for France as even more certainly did goalkeeper Joel Batz. 32. It was his appalling lapse of concentration which allowed Mo Johnston's tame header to put the game beyond France's reach in the 50th minute.

Injury  
Jean Tigana, with Platini and Alain Giresse a member of the marvellous midfield which won world-wide acclaim, missed the game because of injury but at 33 will surely not be asked again.

"My work from now on will be to prepare a good team for my successor," Platini said, making clear he intends to break his own connection with the team when his contract runs out at the end of the year.

Full-back Manuel Amoros, whose own mediocre form these days barely prompts nostalgia for his years as the young lion of the French defence, may well be the only survivor from the past.

Platini's problem is that the team cries out for a leader and there simply is no-one capable of filling the role. Just as Franz Beckenbauer found when taking over the West Germany team that he had no Beckenbauer to select, the French boss has no Platini to send on the field.

Moignan beats Devoy in women's squash

WARMOND, Netherlands, March 13, (Reuters): Guernsey-born Martine Le Moignan ended Australian-New Zealand supremacy in women's world squash on Sunday.

Le Moignan beat New Zealand holder Sue Devoy 4-9-4 10-8 in a 71-minute final to become the first non-Australian to lift the individual title since the tournament began in 1976.

Top seed Devoy looked very much in control in the opening game but the joint third seed and left-hander struck back in the second, taking just nine minutes to square the match.

Both players matched point for point all the way in the third game and Le Moignan needed three game ball opportunities before clinching it 10-8.

Le Moignan's susceptibility to lapses of concentration almost upset her in the fourth when Devoy charged into a 5-0 lead. But the New Zealander made mistakes with her favourite backhand drop shots and allowed Le Moignan to recover to 4-5.

The real breakthrough came at 3-8 when Devoy surprised the crowd by stopping in mid-rally, mistakenly believing the ball was down.

## Fans eagerly waiting for Duchesnays' free-dance programme

# Couple warming up for world figure skating championships

PARIS, March 13, (AP): They locked arms and took a long bow. Their coach smiled broadly and the crowd clapped and cheered.

And it was only in practice. Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay are back on the ice doing what they know best: playing to the fans, 400 of whom turned out Sunday to watch the charismatic French-Canadian couple warming up for the world figure skating championships.

"It was a fantastic reception," Paul said after the brother-sister team performed for 40 minutes at the practice rink adjoining Paris's Bercy Sports Palace where the championships begin today. "We've had a pretty tough season."

Between April and October last year, Isabelle had three operations on her right knee and one on her throat, forcing the team off the ice until shortly before the Christmas holiday Dec 25.

Isabelle had not recovered in time for the couple to compete at the European Championships in Birmingham, England, in January. But now she is fully fit and the time off has whetted the appetite of both skaters.

Medal  
"It's a wonder Isabelle is even skating," Paul said. "We're not even thinking about a medal here, just being back on the ice together feels so good."

The Duchesnays Free-Dance programme is eagerly awaited by fans following last year's disappointment, when their innovative Jungle Dance was adored by the crowd but failed to impress the judges.

At both the Winter Olympics

and the World Championships, the Duchesnays placed eighth, their adventurous steps and gestures gaining worldwide popularity but not enough points.

With their home crowd behind them, Isabelle and Paul will be looking for more support this year from the nine judges for their romantic and soft free dance routine, a contrast to their 1988 programme.

While the Duchesnays' return was drawing fans two days before the event, three of the big medal favourites were conspicuous by their absence.

Hepatitis  
Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov of the Soviet Union, pairs gold medalists at the European Championships, failed to show up in Paris because Selezneva was suffering from hepatitis, a Soviet coach said.

Also absent were the silver and bronze medalists, East Germans Axel Rauschenbach and Mandy Woetzel, and Soviets Natalia Mishkutenok and Artur Dmitriev.

Rauschenbach cracked his skull in a training accident last week while Mishkutenok and Dmitriev failed to qualify for the event, organisers said.

Olympic and two-time world champions Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov of the Soviet Union are the favourites for the gold.

Europe's main challenge lies with veteran Alexander Fadeev of the Soviet Union, the 1985 world champion, and West Germany's Claudia Leistner, while the United States pins its hopes on maturing skaters like Jill Trenary and Chris Bowman and newcomer Kristi Yamaguchi.



Surya Bonaly of France in action during a training session in Paris.

who puts her 4 feet 11 inches, 82 pounds frame against the world's best in two events.

With each of the 1988 winners either retired or having turned professional, new world cham-

ough there are exceptions, as Katarina Witt proved to devastating effect.

In 1985, a year after the Sarajevo Olympics, the East German super star repeated as world champion, then hung around to dominate the sport for another three years instead of making way for new titlists.

Boitano was in the background behind Fadeev and the other big-name Brian, Canada's Brian Orser, while future Olympic pairs champions Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov of the Soviet Union were still competing in junior competition.

Trenary had not qualified for the American team yet and Bowman was regarded as a flashy, but undisciplined, former child actor.

Witt, Boitano and Orser have now left the amateur stage, giving way to Trenary, Bowman and other individuals, while Grinkov and Gordeeva have emerged as the world's top-ranked couple.

The most competitive event at the Bercy Sports Palace, the first world championships to be staged in the French capital since 1958, will be the women's tournament where the also-rans of recent years will vie for the medals.

With Witt, Canada's Liz Manley and America's Debi Thomas all having turned pro, the battle for gold will be between US national champion Trenary, European champion Leistner and Japan's Midori Ito.

Trenary, Ito and Leistner finished 4-5-6 at the Calgary Olympics while the other skaters to Leistner, Trenary and Ito at the 1988 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

"I feel I'm the favourite at the

worlds and I know what I have to do," Trenary, 20, said after winning her second US title at Baltimore last month.

Leistner, after years on the fringe of success, won the European crown in Birmingham, England, in January. The 24-year-old West German was a silver medalist at the 1983 world championships.

Ito, 20, delighted the Olympic crowd last year with her jumping ability and her happy demeanor and could benefit more than her rivals from the recent change of rule for the compulsory figures.

Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov of the Soviet Union, the European champions, are missing along with compatriots Natalia Mishkutenok and Artur Dmitriev, who were third in that competition. Selezneva has hepatitis, according to a Soviet coach.

Mishkutenok and Dmitriev failed to qualify for the worlds in the tough Soviet competition.

Also the European second-place finishers, Mandy Woetzel and Axel Rauschenbach of West Germany, are absent. Rauschenbach suffered a broken skull in an accident in the last practice, according to the organisers.

Jim Hulick, the coach of Yamaguchi and Galindo, feels the absence of the Soviet and East German pairs might give the US team a better chance.

Easier  
"It's too bad they didn't show up but I guess it does make it easier for us to be higher up," Hulick said.

"There's a chance at a bronze medal, you never know. We've already beaten the third Russian pair at another competition," Hulick said.

## Norway clinch victory in women's 20-km relay

# Smirnov gives Soviet Union an upset win

FALUN, Sweden, March 13, (AP): Vladimir Smirnov skied a superb classic-style anchor leg in heavy track conditions today to give the Soviet Union an upset victory over world champion Sweden in the men's 40-kilometre (24.8-mile) cross-country relay at the Swedish Nordic ski games.

The Soviets' 38.5-second triumph in the last World Cup race of the season moved them past Norway to second place in the final relay standings. Sweden, competing without injured superstar Gunde Svan, had already clinched its sixth consecutive World Cup relay crown.

The Soviet quartet, with Igor Badamshin, Vladimir Sachnov and Alexei Prokhorov skiing the other 10-kilometre (6.2-mile) legs, clocked 2 hours, 27 minutes, 50.0 seconds. It was almost half an hour slower than Sweden's

winning time last year, when track conditions were far better.

Earlier today, Norway led from start to finish to win the women's 20-kilometre (12.4-mile) classic-style relay, 49.7 seconds ahead of the Soviet Union. It was Norway's sixth relay win in the last seven years here. The Norwegian quartet of Marianne Dahlmo, Anne Jahren, Jager Helene Nybraten and Trude Dybdahl was timed in 1:10.50.0.

Norway, the two-time defending World Cup relay champion, finished second overall. The Soviets, anchored by individual World Cup champion Elena Valbe, had already wrapped up the women's relay title.

Finland, which won the relay in last month's world championships at Lahti, Finland, was third overall. Finland competed with a B team today and placed fifth.

Smirnov, a classic-style specialist, surged past Swedish leader Torgny Mogren on an uphill stretch with less than two kilometres (1.2 miles) left to victory in the last two world championships and in the 1988 Olympics.

It was the Soviet Union's second relay win at Falun in the 1980s and sweet revenge for their failure in the relay at Lahli, where they only placed fifth.

Beaten  
Mogren, who prefers the freestyle technique and was twice runner-up in individual races at the world championships, was beaten by more than one minute on the final 10-kilometre (6.2-mile) leg.

Lars Haland, who took the 30-kilometre (18.6-mile) freestyle race ahead of Mogren yesterday, had built up a 38-second lead for the Swedes as he tagged Mogren

for the final lap.

The wet and heavy track suited the powerful Smirnov's style perfectly. But Smirnov, the 30-kilometre (18.6-mile) classic-style world champion, said he never believed he would win it after trailing so badly early.

"But after catching him midway through I figured I would have a chance to win it," Smirnov said. "I don't really know why I skied so well. Maybe Mogren didn't ski so well. But I'm not sure we would have won the race had Svan skied today."

The 90-metre (295-foot) ski jump competition was cancelled because of strong winds halfway into the first round when some 40 jumpers had made their jumps. Jan Bokrov of Sweden, who was scheduled to jump last, has virtually wrapped up the overall title. Jens Weissflog of East Germany, the 70-metre (229-foot) world champion, is second.

## South Korean wins two speedskating events

SOFIA, March 13, (AP): South Korea's Ki-Hoon Kim won two individual speedskating events today and led his country to the gold medal in the 5,000-metre relay on the final day of competition in the World University Winter Games.

Kim won the 1,000-metre race over teammate Joon-Hoo Lee and Andy Gabel of the United States, who emerged from the games with four medals, the most of any US athlete in the 11-day games.

Gabel won a silver medal in the 500 metres and took bronze medals in the 1,000, 1,500 and 5,000-metre relay to finish third overall among the men competitors.

South Korea had the top two finishers in the overall total. Joon-Hoo Lee was the top finisher and Ki-Hoon Kim was number two for the speedskating event.

China won three gold medals in the women's division as Hong Guo won the 1,000 metres. Jinyan Li took the women's 3,000 and both competed on the winning relay team.

Guo was the top woman competitor with a bronze in the 500-metre race, a gold in the 1,000 and 1,500. She was disqualified in the 3,000-metre finals, but still amassed enough points to win overall competition title.

The US women finished second to China in the 3,000-metre relay and the US men were third in the 5,000-metre relay.

The Soviet Union clinched the gold medal in ice hockey with a 4-2 win over the United States.

The two teams were tied 2-2 going into the third period but the Soviets scored two goals to complete the round robin tournament with a 5-0 record.

Czechoslovakia finished second with a 3-1-1 record and Finland took the bronze with a 2-1-2 record.

## First Swede ever to make the Ryder Cup team

# Sellberg wins Baleares Open

PALMA DE MAJORCA, Balearic Islands, March 13, (AP): Ove Sellberg won the \$400,000 Baleares Open golf tournament yesterday when a strong challenge by Bill Malley of the United States fizzled with his double bogey on the 16th hole.

With the victory, Sellberg took a giant step toward becoming the first Swedish golfer to ever make the European Ryder Cup team.

Sellberg, the overnight leader at eight under par and one shot ahead of Malley, finished the final round with a bogey-free 71 for a winning nine-under-par total of 279 and the first prize of \$66,000.

Wrestled  
Two shots back at 281 were Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe, Welshman Philip Parkin and Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain, whose closing 67 was the best round of the day.

Malley, who almost wrestled the lead away from Sellberg, fell to fifth place with five other players at 282 after a final round 73.

"My plan today was just to concentrate on myself and my game," said Sellberg. "And I'm quite happy about the way it turned out. I will play about 17

events before Ryder Cup selection. A few good weeks and you can make the team. Some players can do (it) in 10 tournaments but there are about 30 players who can probably play well enough to get on that team."

Sellberg, playing head-to-head against Malley, birdied the third hole to go nine under, while Malley had an indifferent start. He missed a short birdie putt on the ninth just moments after his approach shot had missed hitting the pin by inches.

But for the third straight day, Malley proceeded to knock in three birdie putts in succession to pull within one shot of Sellberg. And he came close to making it four straight and drawing level with Sellberg on the par-3 15th when his eight-foot missed by an inch.

Penalty  
On the 16th however, Malley hit his 1-iron off the tee into some thick bushes on the right. He had to take a penalty shot for an unplayable lie but got his third shot to the green, where he three-putted from 60 feet.

"I wanted to get down on the left side for position," said Malley, "but I pushed that 1-iron to the right and it cost me. But otherwise I'm happy because I was too tentative with the putter

## Jansen beats Zhelezovski twice in World Cup meet

INZELL, West Germany, March 13, (AP): Dan Jansen of the United States beat world sprint champion Igor Zhelezovski of the Soviet Union twice yesterday at a World Cup speedskating meet.

Jansen, whose falls made him a tragic figure at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada, won the 500- and 1,000-metre races yesterday, both times edging Zhelezovski. The American took the 500-metre race in 36.78 seconds, while Zhelezovski was timed in 37.74.

Jansen then went on to take the 1,000-metre race with a time of one minute, 14.33 seconds, handily beating the Soviet ace who clocked 1:15.09.

Nick Thometz of the United States, fourth in the 500, placed third in the 1,000 with a time of 1:15.33.

On Saturday, Jansen beat Thometz in the 500, while Zhelezovski was sixth.

Constance Moser of East Germany was the most successful competitor in women's races, winning the 1,500, placing second in the 1,000 and third in the 3,000.

Bonnie Blair of the United States tied for second in the 500, placed third in the 1,500 and was fourth in the 1,000.

Meanwhile in California, Phil Mahre won the slalom yesterday during the US pro tour stop at Snow Summit, completing a weekend sweep and making up 35 points on tour leader Jorgen Sundqvist of Sweden.

Sundqvist was second in the slalom, followed by Alex Giorgi of Italy and Gunnar Neuriesser of Sweden.



Miguel Indurain of Spain (left) holds up his arms on the podium after he won the 39th Paris-Nice cycling race. Stephen Roche of Ireland (right) finished second in the race and won the Eze Pass stage against the clock on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Germans fear asylum seekers

FRANKFURT, March 13, (AP): West German authorities fear that hundreds of Turkish fans arriving for a soccer match next week will remain in the country and ask for political asylum, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Welt Am Sonntag said about 5,000 Turkish fans have bought tickets for the match, although only 700 valid visas have been issued by the West German consulate in Istanbul.

It said hundreds of fans were preparing to travel on forged visas.

The Galatasaray Istanbul soccer team is playing French champion Monaco in the quarterfinals of the European Champions' Cup in Cologne on Wednesday.

Galatasaray, anticipating a large number of supporters from the ranks of Turkish workers in West Germany, picked Cologne as the venue of the second-leg

match after its home territory was banned because of crowd trouble in a previous round match against Xamax Neuchatel of Switzerland.

The Istanbul team won the first-leg match in Monaco 1-0 and needs only a draw in Cologne to become the first Turkish side to reach the semifinals of Europe's most prestigious club competition.

The Welt Am Sonntag said many of the Turkish fans whose visa applications had been rejected were preparing to travel to West Germany on forged visas.

The newspaper said West German police experts had travelled to Turkey to try to "become familiar with the forged visas," and added that border controls would be stepped up when Turkish fans start arriving.

Authorities are expecting dozens of charter planes and special buses to bring Turkish

fans to Cologne, it said.

The newspaper quoted Interior Ministry spokesman Michael Butz as saying that Turkish entrepreneurs were preparing to organise the transport of asylum-seekers with forged visas.

"Every soccer fan is welcome in West Germany. But international games must not be abused for organising smuggling of people," Butz was quoted as saying.

He said most of the Turks asking for asylum in West Germany were only looking for better jobs. Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is expected to attend the Kohl to discuss the problem of the growing number of Turkish asylum seekers in recent months, the newspaper said.

More than 3,100 Turks asked for political asylum in West Germany in the first two months of this year, Welt Am Sonntag said.

## Kite clinches victory over Love in golf playoff

ORLANDO, Florida, March 13, (AP): Tom Kite and Davis Love III both double-bogeyed the 18th hole today to send the Nestle Invitational to a playoff, and Kite won the tournament when Love three-putted the second extra hole.

"I've won a lot of tournaments, but I've never won one like this. I'm in shock," Kite said. "It looked like a pre-am out there. No, not that good."

Kite gained the 11th victory of his 18-year career after he and Love made shots on 18 that they will find hard to forget.

The 24-year-old Love and Kite were tied when they went to the tee and both drove well. Kite hit his second shot into a lake to the right-front of the green. Thinking he was out of it, his shoulders slumped and he bowed his head to his hands.

But Love, now in control, lofted his second shot over the green and into the gallery, the ball hitting a small girl on the shin. Love failed to reach the green with his first chip, then got on in four.

Kite pitched in on four and made a 15-footer for bogey. He missed it and Love needed only a three-footer for a bogey and the title. But he missed it and they finished 72 holes tied at 6-under 278.

"This looks like the amateur," Kite said as they went to the 16th tee for the first playoff hole.

Both made pars at 16. On 17, Kite got his approach in the fringe, and Love found the green. But he was 30-40 feet away and left his putt about eight feet short. Kite got down in two for

par, and Love missed his putt for par.

Love, whose only victory in a four-season PGA tour career came in the 1987 Heritage Classic, shot a 73 over the final 18 holes while Kite shot a 71.

The 39-year-old Kite, third on the all-time earnings list, collected \$144,000 from the total purse of \$800,000 and pushed his total for the year to \$318,723. Kite, who won this tournament in 1982 when it was known as the Bay Hill Classic, won for the first time since the 1987 Kemper Open.

He was two shots back when the day's play started, but caught Love when he birdied the third hole and Love shot a bogey. Kite built a two-shot lead at the turn, then bogeyed the 13th and 14th to fall back into a tie.

Birdied  
Love then bogeyed 15 from a bunker and Kite again had the lead. But Love birdied 16 to tie again, shooting his approach three feet from the flag.

For the third straight week, US Open champion Curtis Strange made a too-late move in the final round and finished third. Strange shot a 31 on the back nine and finished with a 65, the best round of the day. His four-round total of 279 was one stroke back.

Payne Stewart, Don Pooley and Loren Roberts were another stroke back at 280. Stewart and Pooley each had a closing 70, Roberts a 72.

Greg Norman shot a 67 and finished at 284. Tom Watson shot a 71 to finish with a 5-over-par 289.

## Year-round drug testing programme

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13, (AP): A year-round out-of-competition drug testing programme was approved unanimously Sunday by the board of directors of the Athletics Congress, the national governing body for track and field.

"For me, it's been a long uphill battle," said Edwin Moses, the two-time Olympic gold medalist and world record-holder in the men's 400-metre intermediate hurdles, who was one of the major architects behind the 23-page Tac drugfree year round drug testing protocol that was presented to the board.

"For six or seven years, I've had the feeling that random testing was the only way to do it." Until now, Tac's policy was to test only at competitive events. Starting July 1, the top 25 athletes in each event will be subject to random testing any time during the year.

The randomness will be determined by computer, said Moses, who was named chairman of a newly created Drug-Testing Oversight Committee.

"I think it's important that we did it before we had a Ben Johnson incident," Moses said. To help implement the programme, the board of directors will review a plan to hire an independent audit firm to monitor the disposition of each drug test.

Athletes will be tested for steroids, masking agents, diuretics, and other training and performance enhancing compounds, but not those found in cold medicines.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Shield cricket

SYDNEY, March 13, (Reuters): Results on the fourth and final day of Sheffield Shield cricket matches today.

In Adelaide: South Australia 455 and 172 for four declared (Paul Nobes 52) Tasmania 356 and 272 for four (Jaime Cox 82 not out, Glenn Hughes 62, Rod Tucker 55 not out). Tasmania won by six wickets.

In Sydney: New South Wales 301 for six declared and 198 for four declared (Mark Waugh 58) Queensland 230 for six declared and 266 for eight (Peter Cantrell 71, Robbie Kerr 57 Steve Waugh six for 51). Match drawn.

In Melbourne: Western Australia 533 for six declared (Gary Watts 121, Dean Jones 102 not out 102). Match drawn.

## Anabolic steroids

TORONTO, March 13, (Reuters): Canada's top woman sprinter said today that she began using anabolic steroids in 1979 and named an American shot putter as the source of some of the banned performance-enhancing drugs.

Testifying under oath at a government inquiry into drug use in amateur sport, Angella Issajenko said she received steroid injections from American shot putter Brian Oldfield in May and June of 1981.

## Sowell's comeback

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13, (AP): In the fall of 1987, Dawn Sowell was so disheartened with her track career that she gave away her uniforms and her spikes. Now, she is one of the hottest commodities in the sport and looms as a possible successor to Florence Griffith Joyner.

Sowell said she drew confidence and inspiration from watching the recently retired Griffith Joyner become the US heroine at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, with three gold medals.

## Badminton match

MALMO, Sweden, March 13, (AP): Danish veteran Morten Frost trounced Allan Budi Kusuma of Indonesia 15-4, 15-4 yesterday to win the men's singles final in the Swedish Open badminton championships.

South Korea and China split the other four championship matches before a sparse crowd at the Baltic Hall.

Frost, 31, a two-time European champion, took command at 3-3 in the first set by neutralising Kusuma's powerful smash.

## Diving tournament

MOSCOW, March 13, (AP): A hometown youth dazzled the crowd with four perfect "10" marks in optional diving on the last day of the "Spring Swallows" tournament in Yerevan, Tass reported yesterday.

Arsen Dzhudivan, 22, of Yerevan used his perfect dives to rack up a total of 639.03 points. He beat Vladimir Timoshinin of Moscow who had 627.35 and Matt Scoggin of the United States with 588.58.

**Miller 500 race**  
MARTINSVILLE, March 13, (AP): Tommy Ellis, dealt a setback by a fender-banging incident early in the Miller 500, stayed clear of another such altercation later in the race, and it paid off with a victory.

"I came to Martinsville to race, not to play follow-the-leader," Ellis said after overcoming a one-lap penalty for rough driving and capturing the 200-lap Busch Grand National, part of yesterday's triple-header at Martinsville Speedway.

**Indy 500 entries**  
INDIANAPOLIS, March 13, (AP): Pancho Carter, a veteran of 14 Indianapolis 500 races and a former speedway record-holder, has been named driver of a pair of entries submitted by the Leader Car team for the May 28 race.

Carter, 38, will have two Cosworth-powered Lola race cars entered by the Milwaukee race team. Carter joined the team over the winter after a year's absence from Indy-car racing.

**Superbike race**  
DAYTONA, Fla., March 13, (Reuters): American John Ashmead on a Honda won the 200-mile (322 km) Daytona Superbike Race with a time of one hour, 26.23.988 minutes yesterday.

The Superbike Race is for 750 and 1,000 cc motorcycles.

**Ice hockey**  
NEW YORK, March 13, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League games played yesterday.

Sabres	3	Bruins	2
Penguins	4	Black Hawks	5
Whalers	3	Flyers	3
Kings	3	Oilers	3
Jets	4	Maple Leafs	7
North Stars	5	Blues	3

Czech takes just 57 minutes to beat Wimbledon champion

## Lendl trounces Edberg in Scottsdale final

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., March 13, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked tennis player, took just 57 minutes to annihilate Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-2, 6-3 in the final of the \$415,000 Scottsdale Classic tournament yesterday.

The top seeded Lendl, who won his 57th title, used a steady flow of fierce passing shots to dominate an off-form Edberg from the start.

In Edberg's defence, he is still recovering from a back injury sustained in January during the Australian Open.

**Weapon**  
Edberg's serve, usually the weapon which sets up his serve-volley attack, failed him yesterday as he achieved just a 68 first serve percentage.

Lendl served at 88 per cent, giving up just eight points on his serve in the match. Lendl broke Edberg, seeded fourth, in the third game of the match with a return to the Swede's feet and held on to the lead to serve out the set when Edberg netted a backhand.

Edberg, who won \$29,750, showed some signs of recovery early in the second set, winning three easy service games to lead 3-2. But Lendl's combination of lob and passing shots negated Edberg's attempts to rush the net. Edberg saved three break

points against him in the crucial seventh game, but dropped serve on the fourth when Lendl hit a backhand pass down the line.

Lendl, who earned \$59,500, won the next game at love with an ace, then broke Edberg at love for the match with a backhand crosscourt return.

**Confidence**  
Afterward, Lendl, who had failed to win a Grand Slam title in 1988, said his confidence has returned.

"The Masters in 1987 was the last time I felt this comfortable on court," said Lendl, who claimed the Australian Open title at the start of this year. However, Lendl was not complacent about the ease of his victory.

"The seventh game in the second set was important," Lendl said. "I almost blew it right there. Had I lost that game, we would still be out there probably."

Edberg was understandably dissatisfied with his performance.

"I won the matches I was supposed to this week, but I lost to the number one in the world which is not the end of the world," Edberg said. "But this is probably the worst match I ever played against Ivan. I didn't have that luck I needed."

The 29-year-old Czechoslovakian is second on the all-time victory list, trailing only

Jimmy Connors' 107 titles. Edberg, a 23-year-old Swede who is the reigning Wimbledon champion, was seeking his 19th singles title.

"I didn't have the edge you need when you play Ivan. He was too strong. He was in control of the match," said Edberg, who lost the final nine points. "I was not satisfied with my performance."

"I won the first game and then lost my concentration. After that, I really didn't have a chance to get back in the match because Ivan was playing so well. I needed a break and didn't get it. I couldn't hit many winners."

Edberg changed rackets three times in the match and had just seven total placement winners compared to Lendl's 24.

"I had problems with the tension in my rackets. I couldn't find the right one. But it was not the racket's fault," Edberg said.

Lendl is now 8-4 in the head-to-head competition against Edberg with victories in five of the last six meetings. His only loss came in three sets at the finals of the 1987 Tokyo indoors.



Lendl: 2nd in all-time victory list

Close to Italian title

## Inter equal 26-year-old League record

ROME, March 13, (Reuters): Internazionale Milan equalled a 26-year-old League record as they moved closer to the Italian championship yesterday but in France it was the sending off of six players that dominated the weekend's soccer.

Inter's accomplished 3-0 win over Roma gave them 36 points from 21 matches, a tally unrivalled since Inter themselves reached that mark in 1953—and went on to win the League.

It also shattered a jinx for them in Rome's Olympic stadium where they had lost nine times in the past nine seasons.

**Perfect**  
"We played an almost perfect match," said manager Giovanni Trapattoni. "It was a fine step forward towards the title but there is a long way to go. It's no good having illusions."

Inter stay three points clear of Napoli, booed by fans at San Paolo where lowly Cesena held the 1987 League champions until an own goal eight minutes from time gave Napoli their 1-0 win.

In France Bordeaux made a surprise comeback from two goals down to take an away point from League leaders Marseille and rob the Mediterranean club of their sixth win in a row.

But with six players sent off in the League it was the referees who were the centre of attention, especially Antoine de Pandis who fished the red card from his breast pocket three times in the Riviera derby between Nice and Monaco.

Monaco internationals Manuel Amoros and Jean-Marc Ferrate got their marching orders for over-zealous arguing about a disputed penalty and Nice's Jean-Philippe Mattio went back to the dressing room early for collecting two bookings.

Monaco keeper Jean-Luc Ettori was also shown a yellow card.

Afterwards Monaco's president claimed De Pandis had insulted his players during the



Atletico Madrid's midfielder Paolo Futre (right) and Real Madrid's defender Miguel Ruiz collide in midair as they both go for a ball during Spanish League soccer competition on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

game and before the penalty. The club said the referee had called Amoros and Luc Sonor, who both played in last Wednesday's French World Cup defeat by Scotland, "buffoons who made French football look ridiculous in Glasgow."

De Pandis denied the charge and said the players had pushed and insulted him and sworn when he awarded the penalty. "I could have sent off more, especially Sonor and Ettori," he said.

Title-chasers Paris St Germain and Auxerre both had players sent off in away matches. The side from the capital stayed two points behind Marseille with a goalless draw in Toulouse but Auxerre lost ground with a 1-0

defeat in Lille.

In Spain, Real Madrid and Barcelona each posted resounding 4-1 victories to leave the League title more than ever a battle between the two of them.

**Retain**  
Real, unbeaten in their 24 League games this season, defeated Zaragoza to retain their three-point lead over Barcelona who beat Real Sociedad.

Nearest rivals Valencia, who won by the only goal at Logrones, are 10 points adrift of defending champions Real.

But Barcelona had a hard time overcoming Real Sociedad, who battled bravely until the 76th minute when Aitor Beguiristain was brought down for a penalty. Roberto Fernandez duly slamed

## Queen fires royal horse trainer

LONDON, March 13, (AP): Queen Elizabeth II will not renew the contract of royal trainer Dick Hern, who has trained horses for the Queen since 1967 but has been confined to a wheelchair since a hunting accident in 1984, Buckingham Palace announced today.

A statement by the Queen's press secretary said Willie Hastings-Bass will replace Hern, 68, one of the most successful trainers in Britain since World War II.

No reason was given for the decision to fire Hern when his contract expires in November, but he has been under pressure to retire in recent months because of health concerns.

He broke his neck in a December 1984 hunting accident that left him wheelchair-bound and underwent major heart surgery last fall. While undergoing the surgery, his training license was given temporarily to assistant Neil Graham, but Hern quickly recovered and took control again from his wheelchair.

Hern, who began his racing career in 1952, has been national champion trainer four times and saddled more than 1,000 winners. He is credited with building up the Queen's West Herts stables to a powerful force in racing during his 22 years there.

He and Graham trained the winners of 41 races last year to win more than £500,000 (\$850,000) in prize money.

## Maleeva ends Byrne's upset run

INDIAN WELLS, Calif., March 13, (Agencies): Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria ended Jenny Byrne's upset streak in the \$250,000 Indian Wells women's tennis tournament with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over the Australian in the final yesterday.

Byrne, ranked 64 in the world, had upset third-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States and compatriot Hana Mandlikova in the semifinals before falling to the fourth seeded Maleeva.

Byrne, who won three qualifying matches to even enter the tournament, took a quick 4-1 lead in the first set but found it difficult to stay with the steady Maleeva when her normally reliable serve let her down.

Byrne double-faulted twice on game points, in the ninth game of the first set and in the third game of the second set, and had difficulty with her net-rushing tactics, losing the last five games of the match.

The Australian, who earned \$22,500 said she was not intimidated playing in her first final but admitted that she was too inconsistent to beat Maleeva.

"I didn't feel complacent. I wanted to win my first title. I started out well, but I couldn't



Maleeva: final victory

sustain it, and then she started to play more consistently in the second set.

Maleeva, ninth in the world, also had to contend with a slightly sprained ankle, which she said accounted for her desire to win

the tournament. "Maybe my ankle helped me. It made me see how much I wanted to win every match. I showed I was to fight back. I showed that I'm a fighter," said Maleeva, who won \$50,000.

## FIFA will not compromise on age limit

ZURICH, March 13, (Reuters): Sepp Blatter, general secretary of the International Football Federation (FIFA), said today that FIFA would "not play ball" over attempts to make the Olympic soccer tournament open to all professionals.

He said FIFA, world soccer's governing body, would abide by its Congress decision last July to restrict future Olympic soccer tournaments to players aged under 23.

In an interview with Reuters at FIFA headquarters, Blatter shrugged off the threat that soccer could be thrown out of the Olympics if FIFA maintained its refusal to bow to demands by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to open the tournament to all players.

"In soccer-loving Spain the 1992 Barcelona Olympics would be a damp squib without soccer," he said.

"Soccer is one of the biggest crowd-pullers in the Olympics. It consistently attracts the largest audiences."

Blatter said the IOC, which for years had been opposed to true professionals playing in the Olympic soccer competition, was now doing a complete about-face.

"The IOC wants an open-door policy. We will not play ball," Blatter said.

FIFA viewed the under-23 age limit for the Olympics as a natural progression for the youth teams.

"Look at it like it was a

pyramid but upside down," Blatter said. "We start with the under-16s through to the under-20 youth championship, then the under-23 Olympics stage and finally to the World Cup level, which is the zenith of every player's ambitions."

"It is essential for the progress and development of soccer, the world's most popular sport."

IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch asked the 161 participating National Olympic Committees (NOC) at a meeting in Vienna last December to let him have their views on the soccer eligibility controversy ahead of next month's meeting in Barcelona of the IOC executive board with the summer sports federations.

## British soccer giants set for Gulf clash

DUBAI: British soccer giants Glasgow Celtic and Liverpool take a break from their domestic league and cup schedules to meet head-on in a competitive match in the Gulf next month.

The Scottish and English League champions clash for the Dubai Champions Cup at the 20,000-capacity Al Nasr stadium on April 4 in a match hosted by Dubai Duty Free and Emirates, the international airline of the UAE.

**Shoot-out**  
This year's encounter in Dubai will be the second confrontation between the two sides in the three-year history of the competition. In 1986, Liverpool claimed the trophy when they defeated Celtic after a tense penalty shoot-out.

Celtic will be determined to

gain revenge and maintain Glasgow's grip on the cup. Big city rivals Rangers are the current holders following their victory over Everton on penalties in 1987.

Both Celtic and Liverpool are sending out full-strength squads packed with internationals. Liverpool have tremendous attacking abilities, thanks to the lethal touch of ace striker Ian Rush, the subtle skills of England's John Barnes and the pace of Peter Beardsley.

**Favourites**  
With so many top quality players in their line-up, Liverpool will start the match as favourites. But the Scots, driven on by international captain Roy Aitken and with star strikers Frank McAvennie and Andy Walker, will be tough opponents.

## MUC win 7-a-side soccer tournament

MAJORDA Utorda Calata, (MUC) emerged victorious and snatched the glittering rolling trophy and the Winners Cup of the Twim Centre's second annual 7-a-Side one day football festival, held on March 5 at Al Sour grounds.

Navelim claimed the runners up trophy. Spectacular showmanship and tactical football was displayed by the participating teams in this tournament, delighting the large number of holiday crowd.

Jovito of MUC scored the first goal in the first minute of the first half by superb footwork and individual play. Agnelo made it 2-0 through a pass from Robin and Salemao of Navelim reduced the margin to make the score 2-1.

In the second half Navelim tried harder but Jovito at his best form scored another goal to make the score 3-1. Untiring



MUC team with their trophy.

Salemao again reduced the margin to make the score 3-2. MUC defended bravely and did not allow their opponents to reduce the margin further and emerged winners of this tournament.

## NBA results

NEW YORK, March 13, (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association games played yesterday.

Celtics	121	Nuggets	115
Kings	114	Hornets	105
Pistons	110	Bulls	104
Lakers	126	Warriors	115

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